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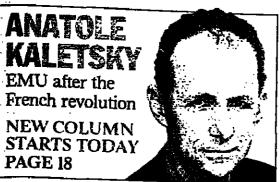
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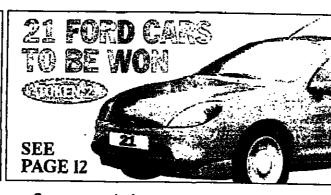
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ART AND ANTIQUES

Minister demands act of contrition

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By Carol Midgley **MEDIA CORRESPONDENT**

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CAMELOT directors were told yesterday that they must surrender pay rises and bonuses worth nearly £3 million

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, rejected the Lottery company chairman's offer to match the pay rises with a donation to charity from Camelot profits. He described the gesture as a "sideshow" and insisted that the directors must agree by Friday to make the personal sacrifice.

After a hostile meeting with Sir George Russell, the Camelot chairman, the chief executive Tim Holley and the communications director David Rigg, Mr Smith repeated his demands in a letter warning the directors that they had offered too little to undo the damage they had done to public confidence in the

The directors, whose pay increased by up to 90 per cent last year, had shown nowhere near enough contrition and the "small concession" would not appease public anger over their personal remuneration.

Mr Smith emerged from the hour-long meeting at the Heritage Department declaring that he wanted all or part of current bonuses — totalling £2.3 million - as well as bonuses worth £520,000 due in October, to be paid to charity. He also demanded that interest on spare prize money, amounting to £6 mil-

lion, should go to good causes. "Camelot came armed with the small concession that they should make a donation from their profits equivalent to the bonuses paid to directors." Mr Smith said. This does not address the central issue of overpayments to directors and I do not believe that it address-es the understandable public had also agreed to waive interest on the prize shortfall

clear to me his disapproval of the level of directors' bonuses that had been recently paid. I explained that, as chairman, it was not possible to overturn contracts freely entered into by shareholders and directors which had been in place right at the start of the National Lottery and which have been independently valued at market rates. It is critical for the long-term success of the lottery that we are able to retain righ calibre staff at all levels

anger being shown. I'm frankvery disappointed that they hadn't thought further about these before they came to see me. I would say we have made a little bit of progress but we haven't made nearly enough. They are showing a bit of

said the three men had appeared unaware of the public anger to the point of

three Camelot executives spent a further 15 minutes inside the Heritage Department formulating a statement. Outside Mr Holley and Mr Rigg declined to comment, but Sir George said that they discussed the setting up of a non-profit lottery.

"I proposed to the Secretary of State that we immediately embark on a partnership with the Government upon discussions for a new shape for the National Lottery and that such new arrangements should encompass pay and incentives for directors and all staff as well as the not for profit concept," he said. Camelot

in the business."

"I just hope no-one

hears about our

Halifax windfall*

After leaving Mr Smith, the

which goes unclaimed when winning Instants scratchcards

are not sold. Sir George added: "The Secretary of State made it very

In his subsequent letter, Mr Smith repeated his three proposals and the fact that he was disappointed Sir George had only offered to match the directors' bonuses with a donation to charity out of company profits, rather than give up the bonuses themselves. He said: "Although I wel-

come your commitments to give a sum equivalent to directors' bonuses to your charitable foundation. I do not believe that it addresses the underlying problem. I expect a response to my proposals by the end of the week."

The Virgin Group chairman Richard Branson, who mounted a bid to run the lottery on a non-profit basis, supported Mr Smith's stance. He said that the Camelot directors had acted unwisely, but had not been underhand. However, he thought that public support for the lottery would suffer if changes were not made.

Oxfam said that even with giving all directors' bonuses to charity, the lottery remained an inefficient way of donating cash because only 5p in every £1 spent went to good causes.

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Blair promises work, not welfare

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THERE will be no option of a life on benefit under Labour, Tony Blair said yesterday as he urged Britons to join the Government in a crusade to help the country's poorest

people. On a visit to a rundown housing estate in south London, the Prime Minister promised that there would be no "forgotten people" in the Britain he wanted to build. He outlined plans to help

jobless single parents through inviting them to jobcentres for advice on childcare, training and skills development, and he confirmed that the midweek lottery would fund afterschool homework clubs so that families could juggle work and home life more easily. He also made plain that the

Budget next month would be a 'welfare-to-work Budget" designed to give hope to the young and strength back to the country. It would be a "something for something" deal providing jobs or training for 250,000 young people.

But he combined his prom-

ise to do more for the poor with a warning of tough sanctions against those who wilfully failed to play their part in the "new bargain". The proposed windfall tax

would be used to get young people off benefit and into work through subsidies for employers, opportunities on Labour's environmental task force, work with voluntary organisations, and full-time education or training for without adequate

skills. People who declined to take up one of the four options after 13 weeks would, however, face losing up to 40 per cent of their benefits. "There will be and should be no fifth option of an inactive life on benefit."

Mr Blair deliberately chose the background of the Aylesbury estate in Southwark to deliver his first keynote speech outside Parliament since the election. He said he wanted everyone to take part in the task of creating one nation. The voluntary sector should should provide mentors and helpers" as well as jobs for young people. He hoped schools would be open throught he evening to make it easier for lone parents to go

out to work, and older people to do their bit to help out in

schools. He wanted computer professionals to emulate their American counterparts by giving up their time to wire up schools and community centres to to the latest technology.

"We need to act in a new way because fatalism and not just poverty is the problem we face, the dead weight of low expectations, the crushing belief that things cannot get better. I want to give people back the will to win again. This will to win is what drives a country, the belief that expectations can be fulfilled and ambitions realised."

Lone parents would not be compelled to work. "What we are talking about is empow-Continued on page 2, col 1

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Minimum wage 'job losses'

Oklahoma

bomb verdict

The jury in the Oklahoma bombing trial last night found Timothy McVeigh

guilty of all II charges in

connection with the blast

on April 19, 1995, in which

Jurors, who had begun

their deliberations last Fri-

day, said McVeigh was

guilty of the murder of

eight law enforcement offi-

cers, conspiracy to use a

weapon of mass destruc-

tion, use of the weapon

and the destruction of gov-

168 people died.

head of the Low Pay Commission, risked em-barrassing the Government by conceding that the national minimum wage could lead to job losses.

Professor Bain, appointed to chair the body that will recommend the level for a statutory minimum wage, also suggested that the loss of some low-paid jobs would be a goodPage 10

Australians lose

The Australians lost to Derbyshire by one wicket in their final match before the Test series against England starts on Thursday. Despite seven wickets by Shane Warne, Derbyshire reached their target of 371 with three balls toPage 48

Brown changes **Budget day**

Gordon Brown will deliver his first Budget on a Wednes-day. The Chancellor con-firmed that the Budget, which will include a windfall tax on privational utilities and a reprivatised utilities and a reduction of VAT on fuel to 5 per cent, will be on July 2 because the Prime Minister will be in Hong Kong the day before.

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk

Sailing off into the windfall sunset

By Damian Whitworth

HARDLY were their shares afloat than they were planning to sail off into the sunset.

One in eight Britons re ceived a four figure windfall from the Halifax yesterday and thousands went straight out and blew it at the travel agents. The luxury cruise, was the most popular choice. With the conversion of the

Halifax from a building society into a bank the average windfall of between £2200-£2500 to 7.6 million members was expected to spark a High Street spending boom this week and immediately a race began to woo the spenders. The 1.9 million Halifax customers who sold their free shares immediately will pick

up a minimum of £1,465 this Friday and shops are bracing themselves for a spree.

Thomson Holidays has launched its summer 1998 brochures three months early in anticipation of many people spending their windfalls on trips. Thomas Cook reported a 15-20 percent increase in inquiries about their more expensive holidays in the run-up to the flotation.

Jason Hindle, manager of the Thomas Cook shop in Halifax said he had been almost overwhelmed as soon as he opened the door. "A couple came in at 9 o'clock and said they had seen the share price and wanted to get away. They went to Canada, it was



Halifax chairman Jon

something they had always wanted to do. There's a tremendous feeling in the town. I could do with more staff." Peter Povey, marketing di-

rector of Lunn Poly, said: We've had a lot of interest from people expecting windfall money who are thinking of the holiday of a lifetime or wanting to upgrade this year's fortnight in the sun." Dixons, the electrical goods chain, was taking advertisements in today's newspapers

foritems, including televisions and computers, in the price range of the average windfall. Halifax members are likely to be the targets of marketing campaigns. The Halifax does not make its mailing list available but the addresses of the 20 per cent of members who opted to keep shares are in the public domain.

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French Communists await Jospin's call

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS which opposes the single

LIONEL JOSPIN, the leader of France's triumphant Socialist Party, was asked to form a ideological rival, President Jacques Chirac, a day after the Left swept to power.

M Jospin will be installed as

Prime Mininster today, following the resignation of Alain Juppe, whose centre-right coalition fell to internal bickering. The final results gave the

combined left-wing parties 319 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly but the Socialists and their allies fell short of winning an outright majority. The Communist Party.

prepared to join the new Government but was awaiting firm policy commitments from M Jospin. An opinion poll showed that

more than 60 per cent of voters do not believe the impending "cohabitation" between a leftwing Government and a conservative President will last the remaining five years of M Chirac's term.

European currency and now

holds the balance of power

with 38 seats, said that it was

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Teacher must be firm with the new playground bullies

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The last Opposition needed

"HEY. Miss! Tony's bullying us!" One after another, Tory MPs leapt up at Points of Order yesterday to tug Betty Boothroyd's sleeve and beg Teacher to sort out the playground thugs.

Sir Peter Emery (C. Devon complicated complaint about procedure. He thought Labour's business managers were high-handed. Miss B looked as sunny as the recess she has just enjoyed. Brown as a nut and tactful as ever, she flattered this senior MP

Another Tory complained that, though social security was the subject the day's Questions, Mr Blair had taken himself off to a housing estate rather than the House. to make his speech. Could MPs have tickets? Betty East) was on his feet with a laughed prettily, but avoided answering. She avoided answering Bernard Jenkin (C. Colchester N) who accused Mr Blair of discourtesy.

Bill Cash (C. Stone) did no better. He was angry that the PM had returned from a European Union meeting in Nordwijk without a state-

couldn't help. She couldn't help Julian Brazier (C, Canterbury) who wanted a statement on the recently announced Defence Review. She couldn't help the Tory Education team, cross that a Bill had been published with little time for MPs to study it before debating it.

Tories, who think the Government is riding roughshod over the House, are sore. Dennis Skinner reminded them that, not months ago, it was they had been the arroMATTHEW PARRIS **POLITICAL SKETCH**

(Lab, Manchester Gorton) advised the Opposition to "read my book. How to be a Minister. The last chapter is entitled 'How To Leave Office Gracefully'." "I haven't finished it," beamed a relaxed

Miss Boothroyd. Yet, amid all the runereading which attends the birth of a new Government, one woman's future has underdog it was the front bench, not its backstabbing backbenchers. Formerly a Labour MP,

she could hardly be dubbed a Tory poodle. John Major hardly been discussed. Miss Boothroyd has a grisly asneeded her goodwill and signment. All at once she treated her with care. She faced no big challenge to her good faith or command. A holds the ring as a headstrong Government faces a poor man's head of state, she looked set for a life of For her this is a new job. A Speaker has responsibilities greeting presidents and opening flower shows. for the protection of endan-

Now she is in new territory. **Bitter Conservative Members** will mutter whenever she rules against them. If she stands up to the Labour front bench she is unlikely to be thanked by the gingerbread men and women behind.

Jack Weatherill was handed just such a chalice in 1983 when, a former Tory, he took the Chair with Labour devastated. He proved a sturdy defender of backbenchers but got little thanks from either side and (in private) quite a bruising from Tory hitmen. His relationship with his old

bosses never recovered. But yesterday all was sunshine. And reviews! Avoiding cial Security Secretary, Harriet Harman, promised a review. It was unclear whether these were different reviews, or one Big Review of Everything. Her quick-thinking, softly spoken, thinly smiling and faintly unsettling sidekick, Frank Field, cooed. simpered, nodded and emanated an air of menacing rationality as be insisted that he did not wish to "rough any

claimants up". There is something Pinteresque about Mr Field. I think he may be in charge.

Blair plans further tightening of the rules for ministers

By VALERIE ELLIOTT AND ANDREW PIERCE

TONY BLAIR has ordered a review of the rules and protocol for ministers in a further attempt to tighten control over

The Prime Minister believes the Questions of Procedure for Ministers, which were last updated in 1992, need rewriting and should make clear that ministers are expected to operate as team players. He also wishes to ensure that the guidance takes note of all the concerns raised by Lord Nolan on standards in public life. The rules deal with such matters as hospitality, expenses, gifts and financial

The move follows Mr Blair's personal appeal for every policy statement, speech and press release to be cleared with

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ideas to be properly coordinated and for ministers to disclose their intentions before briefing journalists on particular subjects.

Last night, government sources made clear they be-lieved the system was already working and that ministers were respecting the control that Mr Blair wished to exert at the heart of government. It was evident, too, that they were pleased that the personal memo had been leaked to show the public that the Prime Minister meant business in offering strategic leadership to the Government.

One source also pointed to the present guidance to ministers, which already sets out the "dos and don'ts" on the presentation of policy. "There is Downing Street. He also nothing new in this, but we are wants the floating of policy enforcing it. The same rules

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while more than a million had

never worked since leaving

Alongside that, Britain had

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It also emerged yesterday that Rachel Lomax, the Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Office, has said she does not wish to be considered as strategic head of the Downing Street policy unit. Mrs Lomax, widely tipped for the key post at No 10, told Mr Blair that she was committed to her job in Wales which she has not yet held for a year. She also wrote to all staff at the Welsh Office yesterday confirming her intention to stay in Wales and instructed her press office to "kill the story".

The search for a senior figure to head the policy unit continues. Downing Street sources said last night that Mr Blair had no intention of being hurried into an appointment. This is a long-term Government and the person he wants has to be the right candidate to push through policy ideas."

It is clear, however, that a senior official in this key role would help to defuse some of the criticism about the number of political appointments made by Mr Blair in Downing Street. He confirmed last night that he had increased the number of political advisers across Whitehall. The Government has recruited advisers so far, compared to 38 who were in post in February before John Major called the

nancy and the absence of a reliable father almost guaran-Mr Blair told MPs last night: "As we made clear "The task of reshaping welduring the election campaign. fare to reward hard work is I believe it is important to bolster the centre of governdaunting. But we must be absolutely clear that our challment and bring in fresh ideas, while at the same time mainenge is to help all those people who want to work but are not taining and supporting a politworking with the jobs, the ically neutral civil service."

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Camelot blames its foulweather friends

By Carol Midgley

AS EXCUSES go. it sounded pretty lame. Camelot insisted that the reason for a big drop in sales of lottery tickets on Saturday was not a public backlash against directors' pay rises, but the weather. Glorious sunshine, explained the National Lottery operator, was one of the

main reasons that fewer punters both-

ered to queue for tickets. This, and the failed to reach a serious conclusion. Last fact that there had just been a rollover jackpot, explained the £4.5 million slump in sales on May 31 over the previous week. "On hot days people don't tend to go shopping," a spokeswoman said. It's the same with Bank Holidays or Cup finals. It all affects sales."

Yesterday The Times subjected Camelot's theory to empirical analysis and weekend, when Camelot had online sales of £58.6 million. was warm and sunny; the previous week it had been cool, and sales reached £63.1 million. A similar dip came on June 15, 1996, and on August 17,

both hot days. Yet in May 1995 Camelot suffered three cunsecutive lean weeks when the weather

was cloudy and cool, with showers.

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Clarke in call for delay over EMU date

Kenneth Clarke called on the European Union yesterday to delay moves to bring in a single currency. The former Chancellor, whose refusal to rule out economic and monetary union made him the target of Tory Eurosceptics in the last Parliament, said that the victory of the Left in the French elections and Germany's "unwise" attempt to revalue its gold reserves made the case for delaying EMU even stronger. "It is increasingly clear that EMU cannot proceed on a safe and sustainable basis in January 1999."

Cancer surgery

Sir James Goldsmith has undergone surgery at a private Paris hospital after being admitted for treatment for a recurrence of pancreatic cancer. There were conflicting reports about the condition of Sir James, the founder of the Referendum Party, with one family friend saying he was seriously ill, but not "at death's door" as suggested.

Microsoft talks

Cambridge University confirmed that talks are under way with Microsoft on the establishment of a research centre, but that they were "at a very preliminary stage". Industry sources say that recruitment has started for a res earch group of up to 100. Bill Gates, Microsoft's founder. refuses to acknowledge the project's existence.

Advert attacked

A hostage's wife has attacked a TV commercial for trivialising her husband's plight. Julie Mangan, 35, whose husband, Keith, is held by Kashmiri separatists, complained to Rover and the Independent Television Commission about a commercial showing a captive being driven to freedom in a Rover. The ITC said it had received 63 complaints.

Long Mynd fire

Almost 100 firefighters were called to a hill fire at a beauty spot yesterday. The fire on The Long Mynd, a 1,700ft hill in Shropshire, was fanned by strong winds and spread from heather and gorse to engulf 50 acres of woodland. Police said that the fire, which was on Forestry Commission land. was not believed to have been started deliberately.

Bullimore sails

Tony Bullimore set out from Cherbourg on a month-long race yesterday after gale-force winds delayed the start. The yachtsman was at sea again with a six-strong crew, five months after he was rescued from his upturned boat in freezing waters in the Southern Ocean by the Australian Navy. The eventual destina-tion is Stockholm.

Bank fears building society payout will stoke up inflation

By Alasdair Murray

THE bumper payout to the Halifax members who were yesterday celebrating their share of the £18.5 billion float windfall is likely to have prompted frowns rather than smiles at the Bank of England.

The Bank has already expressed concern about the high level of consumer spending, which it be-lieves will lead to higher inflation, and will be worried that Halifax members who have cashed in their shares will head off on a spectacular weekend shopping spree.

The payout may well persuade the Bank to use its new powers and raise interest rates by a quarterpoint to 6.5 per cent in an attempt to slow consumer spending when its monetary policy committee meets for the first time on Thursday and

Friday.
The City has been worrying for some time about the potential impact of the building society wind-

fall payouts. The total, with the Woolwich and Northern Rock flotations still to come, is likely to be nearly a third higher than originally expected, at about £30 billion. This is the biggest influx of new money into the economy, dwarfing even the payouts from the privatisation flora-tions or tax cuts of the 1980s.

Most of the money, which is mainly in the form of shares, will not be cashed in during the first year. But the indications from the Halifax and the Alliance & Leicester floats are that about a quarter of building society members - about four million people — are immediately trading in their shares for

If this trend continues, there will be an extra £7 billion in the economy this year — the equivalent of cutting the standard rate of income tax by almost 5p. But economists are divided as to whether all of this will

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be spent immediately, causing a boom on the High Street and. ultimately, higher inflation.

David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, predicts that the windfalls will mean annual growth in consumer spending jumping from the current level of 3.5 per cent to 5 per cent by the end of the year. He argues that taxes and interest rates will need to rise to head off higher inflation, although consumer spending will remain lower than in the boom years of the late 1980s when it averaged about 6.5 per cent

But other economists predict the impact of the windfall payouts will be less dramatic, with only about 10 per cent of members spending the money immediately and total consumer spending rising by less than 0.5 per cent.

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SHARE OPTIONS FOR THE WINDFALL WINNERS

Q: Do I have to pay tax on my

A: It all depends on your situation. As a shareholder you will receive dividends, your share of the company's profits. Tax at the rate of 20 per cent is deducted at source from dividends. If you are a basicrate taxpayer, you will have no further tax to pay. But if you are a higher-rate taxpayer, you will have to pay a further 20 per cent. Those who dispose of the shares

could face a capital gains tax bill. but only if they have already used up their annual capital gains allowance of £6,500. You can avoid both capital gains and income tax by sheltering shares in a personal equity plan (Pep). Should I sell my shares?

If you have debts, it may be more cost-effective to sell and clear all or some of the debts. For example, the cost of borrowing £1,000 on a credit card over a year could be as high as £221. However, if you can afford to hang on to your shares, you can expect the Halifax share price to remain strong. The new bank, which matches Barclays in size and is one of the ten largest stockmarket-quoted companies, has plenty of spare cash. It should soon embark on the takeover trail. a move that should further en-

hance the share price. The prospect of further growth is encouraging many to buy more shares. But there is no guarantee that the price of any company will continue to rise. Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest stockbrokers, believes that investors should prepare to sell as the banking sector and the whole

I sold my shares. How soon will 1 be able to get my hands on the money? Those who sold through the Halifax sharedealing service in

the first auction of shares to institutions will be able to withdraw their cash on Friday. Can I now move my savings from the Halifax?

You can now shop around for the best rate and the chance of a windfall eslewhere. The low level of Halifax savers' rates has attracted criticism. Although the new bank has now raised its savers rates there is now strong competi-

tion from other banks, building

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London yesterday, the Princess was told that

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auction, which is expected

to raise £4 million, will go to the Royal Marsden

Hospital Cancer Fund

and the Aids Crisis Trust.

The collection will

remain on public display

at Christie's in St James's.

central London, until Fri-

day. Admission is by the

E30 catalogue, which provides two tickets for the

exhibition. The Princess's

changing taste in clothes

is evident from the collec-

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The earliest, Lot 23, is a

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Elder brother weeps in court as jury is told how he lives off the family name

Last Kray is a 'pathetic old has-been'

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE elder brother of the Kray twins has become a "pathetic old has-been", cashing in on the family name and cadging drinks and cash, a jury was told yesterday.

Charlie Kray, accused of being the linchpin in a drugs deal to sell cocaine worth £39 million to undercover police, was no more than a "skint" old man trying to cheat cash out of his victims. Woolwich Crown Court was told.

Mr Kray, 70, whose brothers, Ronnie and Reggie were once the "emperors of gangland", broke down in tears as he stood hunched in the witness box and told how he was so short of money that he had been unable to pay for the funeral of his son who died, aged 44. of cancer last year. Reggie had met the bills."

Mr Kray, who said he lived in his girlfriend's home in Sanderstead, south London, with her three sons, denies two drugs charges. Jonathan Goldberg, QC, for the defence, said that police had lured a foolish man into a carefully laid trap. This old fool thought he could string them and con them along."

On the night the undercover police met him, Mr Kray had borrowed £50 to stand his round of drinks at a party. He had been "skint" for years, Mr Goldberg said, and was still broke when the police began negotiating with him over the drug deal. He had no bank account or credit cards and, at one point during the police operation, obtained £500 from the undercover officers

from Lady Quoting Bracknell's description of Algernon in Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, Mr Goldberg said that Mr Kray "was nothing, but he



Charlie Kray in the dock: he broke down in tears as he told the court that he could not afford to pay for his son's funeral after he died of cancer. Illustration: Sian Frances

dollars", as he went round a room greeting people like a politician, but it was a false picture. He was "the old trouper doing his best".

He made a living off the family name, like the brothers of other famous men, such as Terry Major-Ball. The Kray name was good for a free

He had been doing it all his life. The stories he told the undercover officers about Mossad and criminals were rubbish. He was a man with a heart of gold, naive, gull-

ible", but he did not know his

If Mr Kray had been asked if he could get Scud missiles or gold bars. he would have said it was no problem. He was a

own limitations.

washed-up figure hyped up by police and prosecution". All his life Mr Kray had

been a victim of the family name which was synonymous with gangsterism. He was unemployable. He had managed a failed pop group and gone bankrupt running a clothing firm. Now he carned what money he could from

television interviews and charity functions.

A former professional boxer, he was known to hate violence. In the heyday of his twin brothers in the 1960s, he had acted as the entertainment agent for their clubs and knew stars such as Judy

Garland and Frank Sinatra. His only convictions were a £5 fine for theft in 1950 and ten

discussions on how to get rid of the body of Jack "The Hat" McVitie, killed by his brothers. Mr Goldberg said he had

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always denied the charge. Mr Kray, who denies charges of offering to supply and supplying cocaine. had been trapped by an operation aimed at another "lovable old villain" known to Mr Kray. Mr Goldberg said police had

It would have been a feather in the police cap to get "the last of the Krays

Mr Goldberg said the case was surrounded by hype, with Mr Kray given the security status in prison applied to IRA terrorists. The jury were under 24-hour police surveillance. but the two kilograms of cocaine seized by the police was worth only £60,000.

stunning dresses in the collection, was unable to attend. His creation — a long sleeveless dress in oyster satin — is expected to letch the highest individual price of about £200,000. The dress.

> Princess to the Elysée Palace in 1988. The dress is Lot 80 but there are only 79 dresses in the auction. The Princess is, apparently, super-stitious and ordered there

front of the catalogue, was

designed for a visit by the

should be no Lot 13. The dresses will be flown to New York in the next two weeks in a special crate so they can hang in their bags for the flight. A viewing will be held there on June 18.

Photograph, page 24

Twins 'treated normal people with great respect and helped them'

Asked about his younger twin brothers, Ronnie and Reggie, he told the court that he often played the role of peacemaker between them. "I know they were wild and I always tried to keep them in the right direction," he said, "but you can't be with someone 24 bours a day.

Jonathan Goldberg, QC. for the defence, said: The public perception of your brothers is of very violent and bloody gangsters."

Yes, until they knew them." Mr Kray recalled that Ronnie, who died in Broadmoor in March 1995, had a long history of mental illness. But he was a kind-hearted man, he insisted. "He would help anybody. He was not responsible when he had these moods and I would put it down to that." Of Reggie, he said: "He had a few

People came up to him and asked about the "good old days". During further questioning, he was

Mr Goldberg asked: "How are the

Mr Kray replied: "We knew it was

wrong, but normal people in life they

always treated with great respect and always helped. If you go to the East End and ask about them, they will say the

same and they always helped people as

best they could."

He said that in 1975, after he was

released from a ten-year prison sentence

for being an accessory to his brothers'

murder of Jack "The Hat" McVitie, he

found that his surname prevented him

from getting a job. Eventually he found work for several years at the Ideal Home

Exhibition, selling cutlery from a stand.

Krays regarded in the East End?"

CHARLIE KRAY was almost inaudible fights and things like that. When his wife, asked to describe the East End when his as he stood in the witness box in a Frances, died, he kind of had a death brothers were "kings". Mr Goldberg rumpled blue suit. A handkerchief wish He idolised the girl and he seemed asked: "You say there was a bit less Mr Kray: "Yes sir. That is my opinion.

Women were safe and children were safe to go out at night. They're not now." Mr Goldberg "And these were the kinds of condition your brothers enforced?"

Mr Kray: "They helped." Mr Goldberg: "The degree of violence today you say is not necessary?"

Mr Kray: "There was no violence, in as

much as there was a bit, but women and children were safe." Mr Goldberg: "Your brothers insisted

Mr Kray: "They did." He told the court: "I never thought that

by telling stories I could get into trouble, but I am now. I swear on the grave of my son I have never been serious about



The Kray brothers in London in 1965: left to right, Ronnie, Reggie and Charlie

Husband 'burnt £100,000 after wife walked out'

By JOANNA BALE

A MAN told a court yesterday that he burnt £100,000 in his back garden after withdrawing it from a joint account he shared with his former wife.

Raymond Orton said the money was intended to provide him and his wife, Brenda, with a comfortable retirement. When the marriage ended he became depressed and decided to dispose of it, along with £25,000 from the sale of

Mr Orton, 62, told Gloucester County Court: "I did it in the back garden. I got a big tin, put some newspaper in. set light to that and just slung the money on." He said he had been unable to cash the cheque from the joint account at the Halifax immediately, so he took it to the foreign exchange counter of a Birmingham post office and cashed it for Irish currency.

"I just wanted some cash to burn," he said. "I was going to have Spanish pesetas but it was too much paper." Mr Orton, from Sheldon,

Birmingham, is accused of breaching an undertaking not to dispose of any joint assets from the marriage pending a hearing into an application by his former wife for ancillary relief. Paul Barclay, for Mrs Orton, said she did not want to see her former husband sent to prison despite him having disposed of most of their joint assets of E197,000. Mr Barclay said: "Nevertheless, this is a most unhappy matter. If he is telling the truth then he has disposed of the largest portion of their assets."

Mrs Orton, 61, left her

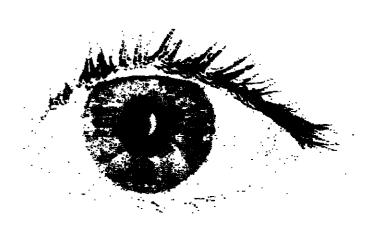
husband in November 1995 and he became severely depressed after she refused a reconciliation. He first withdrew £100,000 last year but paid it back on the orders of a county court judge.

Mr Orton told the court that it was his account but he had it in joint names so that his wife would have easier access. He said: "It had come from an industrial accident and I built it up over 15 years. It was to make a reasonable retirement for both of us. I felt it was 15 years for nothing. It was all one big waste of time for me so I destroyed it." He said that after burning

the cash he dumped the tin and the ashes in his dustbin. Mr Orton said that earlier he had tried to take his own life but had been stopped by his son and daughter. The suicide attempt had seriously affected his health and he was undergoing psychiatric treatment. He said he was on tranquillisers when he burnt the cash and was very confused. He denied claims that he had been secretive about financial matters and ob-

sessed by money. Adjourning the hearing for further inquiries, Judge Hutton said: "There is no verification of his most extraordinary evidence. It is a most extraordinary case. I am just not satisfied with his explanation and further inquiries will have to be made."

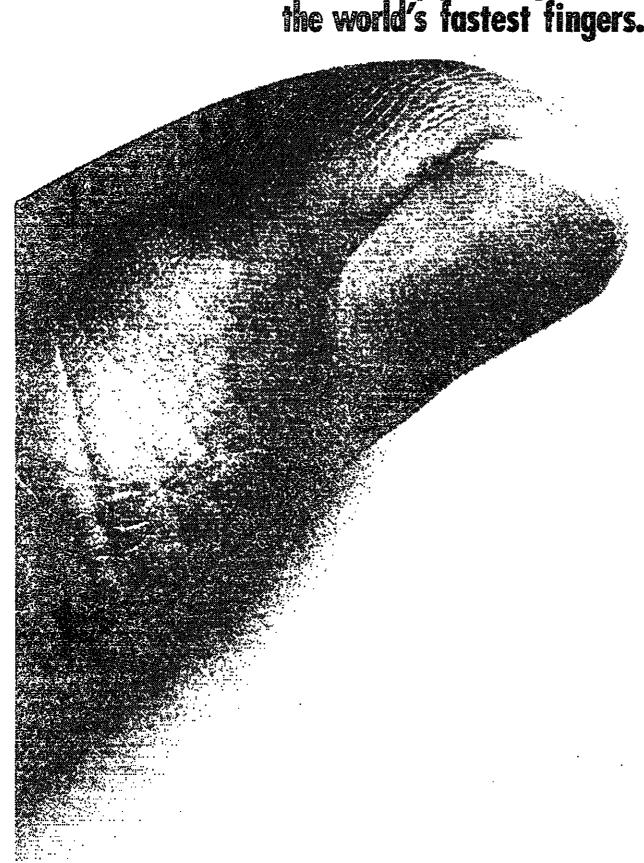
He told Mr Orton, who was not represented, that there was a risk of him being sent to prison and suggested he con-



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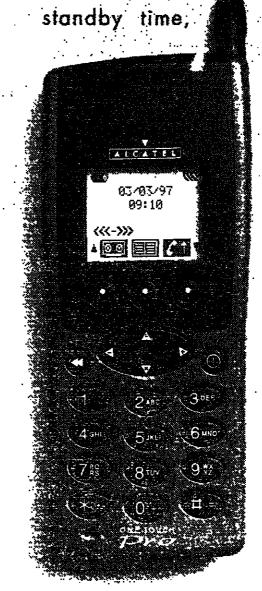
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Giant in Doll's House wins Tony for best actress

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE British production of lbsen's A Doll's House has been garlanded on Broadway with four Tony Awards, including best actress for Janet The version of Ibsen's 1879 classic, which moved to New York in April after a successful West End run, was named best revival at an awards ceremony in New York on Sunday night. McTeer, the

> stifling marriage to the bank manager Thorvald.
>
> McTeer, 35, from York, graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts alongside Fiona Shaw and Ralph Fiennes and is best known for her title role in the

television series The Gover-

critics' overwhelming (avour-

ite, won best actress for her performance as Nora Helmer,

the distraught wife who strug-gles for independence in her

nor. She also played Vita Sackville-West in the television drama Portrait of a Marriage and performed on the West End in Much Ado About Nothing and in Che-khov's Uncle Vanya before winning an Olivier Award during the London run of A Doll's House.

Accepting her Tony, the towering actress, her hair cropped in a boyish style, said: This all started when I took out our producer. Thelma Holt, got her very drunk and managed to persuade her that I was 5ft 2in and girly. Actually, I think she thought I wanted to play Thorvald."

McTeer's performance has been lauded by American reviewers as one of the best in memory. Variety described it as a whirlwind and one New York Times critic wrote that her "apparition on Broadway



that category from best lead-ing actor. Anthony Page won

suggests the theatre's timely

comer"

answer to the Hale-Bopp

hest director. Owen Teale, one of three This year's Tony Awards. other actors transplanted to staged in the 6,200-seat audi-New York with the London torium at Radio City Music production, was named best Hall and broadcast live on featured actor for his part as television in an effort to dupli-Thorvald, after the producers cate the success of the Oscars. asked for him to be moved to were not without disappoint-

ments for British contenders. the actor John Barrymore. The 763 critics and theatre professionals who choose the winners awarded best play to Alfred Uhry's piece about

Jews in the American South. Last Night at Ballyhoo. Christopher Plummer won best leading actor for his oneman show Barrymore, about

over Brian Bedford in Dion Boucicault's London Assurance, Michael Gambon (Skylight) and Anthony Sher (Stanley). In a strong field of new musicals, the big winner was the much-ridiculed Titanic, an improbable songand-dance about the sinking

of the ocean liner. Titanic sailed away from the competition with five awards: best musical, book, original score, scenic design and orchestra-tion. The popular revival of the musical Chicago picked up six awards.

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Pupils win right to legal action over repairs

TWO schoolboys won the ing has become so dilapidated right yesterday to take a council to court because their school is allegedly in such a poor state of repair that it is a health hazard.

Plummer: leading actor

Childwall Comprehensive School, on Merseyside, claim water cascades down the blackboard whenever it rains because Liverpool City Council has not carried out repairs that would cost £2 million.

They took their case to Liverpool Magistrates' Court with their fathers, who are both parent-governors at the 1,350-pupil school. Simon Worthington, 14. dressed in his school uniform, was in court to hear the stipendiary that there was a case for the council to answer and that a trial should go ahead. How-ever, Alexander Salisbury, 15, had to miss proceedings because he was sitting his GCSE examinations in biolo-

gy and French. gy and French.

After the hearing, Simon said: "I am overjoyed by the result. We have got to see it through. The situation is impossible when it rains. In my form room sometimes half the blackboard cannot be used as water cascades down. We have to watch where we stand so that we don't get our feet wet in the puddles."

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The boys and their fathers, with the support of other parents, claim that the build-

CORRECTION

The Labour candidate for Hertford and Stortford in the general election was Simon Speller, not D Harbourne, as reported on April 17. We apologise for the error.

since it was built in the 1950s that lessons are impaired and the environment constitutes a danger to health.

The council denies any of-The boys, both pupils at fences under the Environmental Health Act. It claimed in court that teenagers could not be complainants or prosecutors in criminal proceedings.

Ranjit Bhose, for the council, said it was also clear that neither the boys nor their fathers were "persons aggrieved" and did not enjoy any

proprietors' rights". Mr Bhose said: "The correct remedy is to make a complaint to the Secretary of State. He can then take into account the views of the local authority and the fact that ther budget constraints."

Timothy King, QC, for the pupils, said there was nothing in the law prohibiting a minor from bringing a case to court. He said: This school is in an appalling state of repair and is prejudicing the health of all who attend, be they parent, child or teacher.

Liverpool City Council is expected to deny four charges of causing a statutory nuisance under Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The case is expected to last four days and is likely to be heard on October 20 by Mr Tapp, who described the action as unusual. "I am not aware of anything similar," he

There is nothing to say that a minor can prosecute but then there is nothing to say that a minor cannot prosecute I see no reason why these two boys should not go forward with their complaint."

After the hearing, Mr Worthington said the boys' legal costs were being underwritten by parents at the school.

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THE BROADCASTING STANDARDS COMMISSION

Complaint from Mr Richard Chipperfield and Ms Anne Chipperfield, and a complaint from Mr Tony Hopkins Summary of adjudication

On 22 May 1996, the BBC programme Here and Now reported on the care of circus animals in winter quarters. The programme included video footage shot by an animal rights group on land owned by Mr Richard Chipperfield and Ms Ame Chipperfield. Mr and Ms Chipperfield complained to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (took the Broadcasting Standards Commission) that the programme included pictures and comments which unfairly implied programme included pictures and comments which unfairly implied that their animals were kept in cramped; unsafe and stressful conditions, and that the filming unwarrantably infringed their privacy. Mr Tony Hopkins, trading under the name Chipperfields Circus, also complained that the programme was unfair to him in that viewers were misled into assuming that he had some responsibility for the welfare of the animals shown.

The Commission accepts that the investigation by Here and Now concerned a matter of public interest, but its reliance on a video shot by an animals' welfare campaigning group, to the virtual exclusion of other expert opinion, was unfair to Mr and Ms Chipperfield. The Commission recognises that the BBC made strennous efforts to Commission recognises that the BBC made strendous errors to persuade Mr Chipperfield to take part, but his refusal to participate in a programme he believed to be loaded against him did not relieve the programme-makers of their obligation to provide a fair and balanced treatment of a complex and emotive issue. The video shots on and of Mr and Ms Chipperfield's property clearly infringed their privacy, and the unfairness of the programme's treatment of the issue undermined the BBC's argument that such infringement was warranted in the public interest. The Commission therefore finds both acceptances and an unwarranted infringement of Mr and Ms unfairness and an unwarranted infringement of Mr and Ms Chipperfield's privacy.

The Commission does not consider that the programme's attempt to film Chipperfields Circus was in itself unfair, but by its use of a still of the circus and a poster advertising it, the programme had the effect of associating Mr Hopkins with the alleged ill-treatment of summls which he did not own and were not in his care. This was unfair.

The Commission therefore upholds the complaints by both Mr and Ms Chipperfield, and by Mr Hopkins.

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No takers for 'welfare to work' among single mothers on council estate

Blair walks on the wild side to meet forgotten people

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FOR his first foray since world of the people who voted for him. Tony Blair chose the third most deprived ward in the London Borough of

But the Aylesbury estate, a mighty sprawl of 44 early 1970s council blocks deep in Harriet Harman's constituency behind the Old Kent Road, is bad enough. Of its 2,400 households and estimated 8,000 population, only a third own their own homes, more than half are on housing benefit, 17 per cent of households are without a wage-earner and more than threequarters of all 17-year-olds are neither in work nor full-time

It was not perhaps, the most truitful ground in which to plant the seeds of "welfare to work". Take away the media circus, the council worthies, the voluntary workers and a small group of youths learning basic computer skills in the estate's retraining parents into work. centre, and there was a distinct absence of ordinary resi-

dents lining their balconies to greet the Prime Minister. Some, to be fair, were waiting for Mr Blair in the

suite of rooms deep in the estate where jobless youths are taught basic computing skills. Maura Santos, manager of the centre, said that in five years 3,000 people had been trained there, more than three-quarters of whom had gone on to jobs or further

Sue Lomas was not one of them. She did the computer course, took a degree at South Bank University and is still looking for work: "The jobs are just not out there. I've been looking for a job for five years and all I've done in that time is voluntary work. That doesn't give you any monetary value when you go for interviews."

Aylesbury estate has a high proportion of single mothers, most of whom stayed well away from Mr Blair's visit, perhaps out of lear that he might frogmarch them to the iobcentre there and then, despite government assurances that it would not force single

Pauline Harris, 21, was standing at a safe distance with her five-month-old daughter, Danielle. A trained dental nurse, she said she was not working and received £80.10 per week in state benefits. "It would be a breath of



Gina Stokes with her children vesterday. She said

fresh air to go back to work, but I wouldn't want to leave the baby with someone I didn't trust. Frankly, some of the childminders and nurseries they offer you round here are just terrible. I wouldn't go near them."

She calculated that she could not afford to go back to work. "I'm better off on benefit and seeing my baby, rather than going out to a job for £150 a week and leaving her with a minder. Single mothers won't be fighting for jobs until there are far better care facilities."

Gina Stokes, another single mother, was perched on a sunny wall nursing Stuart. aged one, the youngest of four children who ranged up to II. Miss Stokes, a former cashier. had no mind at present to look for work. "I like bringing the kids up. I wouldn't want to look for work until Stuart is at least three or four. I get £200 a week in benefits, so I'm not going out to work for less than £300 or £400 a week, and there ain't many jobs like that around here."

The mothers of Aylesbury estate were agreed that the hardest thing in their area was bringing up children in an atmosphere free from crime. Kevin Holland, the estate's community policeman, said that crime levels had dropped since the removal of the overhead walkways connecting the blocks of flats, which formed ideal escape routes for burglars and muggers, and since the introduction of private security guards.

Ms Lomas added: "They've reduced break-ins, but there's still plenty of crime among kids. They get expelled from school, or thrown out of youth clubs for being naughty, and they take to wheeler-dealing on the streets. They've got status if they've been

She added: "There's such apathy here -- the only way you can get money for a place Otherwise there's no jobs and



Pauline Harris with Danielle: "I'm better off on benefit and seeing my baby"

Labour studied examples in **United States and Australia**

From Tom Rhodes in washington and Rachel Bridge in sydney employment once his or her

child reaches three months.

This departure from the

status quo in a country where

TWO vastly different programmes, in the United States and Australia, were studied by the Government when it was formulating its proposals to get single parents back to

In the United States, limits have been set for the first time on the benefits available to those on welfare. The Personal Responsibilty and Work Opportunity Act will mean thousands of single mothers are required to find work within two years. Individual states must place a five-year cap on benefits and compel a single

increasingly intolerant of single parents who rely on wel-

young, poorly-educated, un-skilled mothers have traditionally stayed at home with their children, has been applauded by many Americans fare to raise a family. But it is already creating a vast demand for childcare as, over the next few years, an additional 2.5 million children now at home on welfare may require facilities.

Labor Government introduced the Jet programme in 1989. Under the voluntary scheme, standing for Jobs, Education and Training, single parents can increase their incomes by finding paid work, or undergoing a job-related training or study.

A single parent studying on a Government-approved course is eligible for a small weekly education supplement. in addition to his or her sole parent pension. Extra money is available to pay for enrolment fees and books. Home study is included in the

Racial equality commission 'discriminates against Asians'

By MARK HENDERSON

THE Commission for Racial Equality systematically discriminated against Asian staff and blocked the promotion of well-qualified Asian lawyer for racial reasons, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Raj Naidoo, a South African born Indian barrister who works for the commission, told the London South industrial tribunal that she had been victimised by the com-mission's legal director and twice passed over for promotion in favour of less experienced and less qualified candidates from outside the organisation. She said that Asians suffered routine discrimination from the predomi-nantly Afro-Caribbean com-

Approximately 60 per cent of the CRE's staff were black Afro-Caribbeans, while only 17 per cent were Asian.

Mrs Naidoo told the tribunal that Chris Boothman, the legal director, who is black. had deliberately given her low marks in an interview when she applied for the job of principal legal officer in 1995, a post she had previously held between 1985 and 1989 before taking unpaid leave to study for a doctorate. "I did not get that job because Mr Boothman gave me low markings, because of his vendetta against me." Mrs Naidoo told the tribunal. She failed to get the job by just four marks. She also accused Mr

Boothman of trying to favour Selina Hayden, a black candidate for the job, by setting a question on the legal response to racist leaflets, a topic that Mrs Hayden had been dealing with two weeks before the interviews in August 1995.

Mr Boothman had frustrated her career since she returned to the commission to work in the complaints department in 1993, Mrs Naidoo said. She was passed over for the job of principal legal officer in 1994 and made an application to an industrial tribunal, which was later withdrawn, that she had been racially discriminated against when refused that post. She

her after this, had advised her to leave the commission and had tried to block her promotion.

She also alleged that Aubrey Rose, the chairman of the appointments commission, who is Jewish, had been influenced to select the successful applicant, Barbara Cohen, because she was Jewish.

The commission's selicitor. Paul Nicholls, said that Mr Boothman and Mr Rose had acted with "absolute correctness" throughout the procedure leading to Mrs Cohen's appointment. He told the tri-bunal that, while Mrs Naidoo's experience was considerable, the job of principal legal officer had changed since she left it in 1989, and that the commission had been entitled to consider Mrs Cohen's qualifications and experience as

equal to Mrs Naidoo's. He said that the question Mrs Naidoo claimed was set to give Mrs Hayden an advantage did not put Mrs Naidoo at a disadvantage, because she had extensive experience in the same field.

Rudy Narayan. Mrs Naidoo's representative, said that Asians had been systematically discriminated against within the commission for years. He said that the commission perpetrated "racial injustice and discrimination". He also told the tribunal that Ann Winterton, a Conservative MP, Graham Riddick, a former Conservative MP, and Lawrence Cunliffe, a Labour MP, had attacked alleged racism within the organisation as "hypocritical, divisive

and anachronistic". A controversial former barrister, Mr Narayan was disbarred in 1994 after allegations of financial impropriety. In December 1995, he referred to the Brixton police as killers after the death of a young black man, Wayne Douglas in police custody. Mr Narayan said: "They will not understand what they have done until one of them is killed." Riots broke out an hour after he addressed a crowd.

Mensa hits rich seam in mining village

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

A PIT village school in South Wales has a record number of pupils, I4, who have reached the qualifying score for mem-bership of Mensa.

Only 2 per cent of those usually tested satisfy Mensa's requirement of an IQ of 148. Experts were astounded when 23 per cent of entrants from Brynmawr Comprehensive reached the mark.

Mensa officials moved last week's Junior Convention from Cambridge to the town in recognition of the feat. Now they have launched a national offer of free testing to establish whether other schools have unrecognised talent on a similar scale.

Robert Allen, who edits Mensa's newsletter, said: Bright children are not always obvious. A couple of the successful ones at Brynmawr



Intelligence corps: the high-IQ children of Brynmawr Comprehensive School

were a surprise to the school. High intelligence isn't confined to a particular social group, and we want to reach kids who wouldn't think of joining an organisation like

Clive Boulter, Brynmawr's head teacher, decided to enter a group of pupils for the test to boost their confidence. The town, with a population of 5,445, is ranked among the poorest in Wales, with 13 per cent unemployment. Mr Boulter said: "I was

an archdeacon.

Mr Powell said: "I'm very

angry that the Church re-

fused to hold a service for my

father in the building he loved. My father was a reli-

gious man and the Church

should have respected his wishes. He looked after that

church even after it closed

and tended the graveyard

free of charge every week."

He said his mother, Florence,

79. was upset about the dis-

pute but had left him to

arrange the funeral. Mr

Turner said that because

confident that a reasonable number of pupils would pass the test, but I was quite amazed when the results came through. I am absolutely delighted because it shows what our pupils can achieve and it is a big confidence boost for the whole village."

Liz Norton, who has an IQ of 155 and is the 15-year-old daughter of the deputy head teacher, said: "People expect us to be weird, but we're as normal as anyone else. I think my dad is a bit jealous because I'm a member of Mensa and

he isn "L" Mr Allen organised the convention, at which 40 children tackled practical problems, produced a plot for a novel and took part in music and drama workshops. He said: "We have always had the junior convention in Cambridge, but Brynmawr did so brilliantly that it seemed an appropriate place to meet. Statistically, we expected to find about seven at this level in

Disused church forced to reopen for a day to grant father's dying wish

By JOANNA BALE

A BUSINESSMAN conducted his father's funeral yesterday after a vicar refused to perform the service in a lisused church,

Philip Powell said that his father Albert's dying wish was for the ceremony to be in St Decumanus church, in Rhoscrowther, Pembrokeshire, which the 80-year-old had cared for since it closed three years ago.

In spite of repeated re-quests from the Powell family, the Church refused to allow the building to be used. Officials said it would be wrong to hold a service for Mr Powell, who had been a member of the congregation, when similar requests had

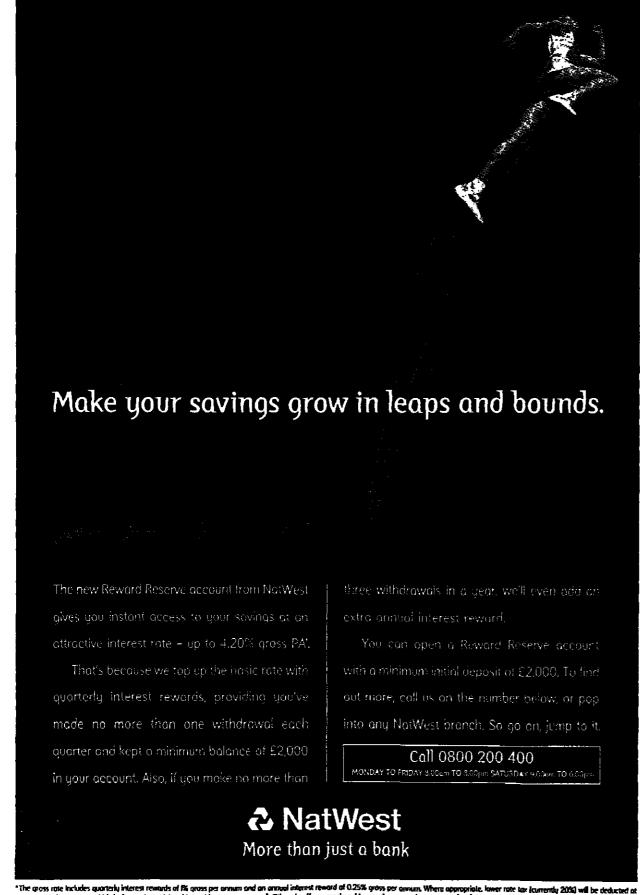
been turned down. The Rev Tony Turner, the vicar, wanted the service to be held in the village hall.

others had requested services runs a nearby oil refinery. Philip Powell, 46, of Surrey, threatened to smash open the after the church was closed doors if he was not allowed an exception could not be into the church. By yesterday morning the doors had been

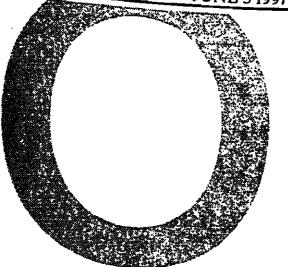
opened. Mr Powell said that parishioners in 33 homes but was shut because of dwindivine intervention had done the trick" and held the dling congregations. Almost service with the belp of an everyone moved out of Rhosundertaker. A graveside sercrowther after Texaco, which vice was later conducted by

offered to buy them out. The company relocated villagers who disliked being so close to The church once served 100 the plant. Albert and Florence Powell were among the few who stayed. Before his death, Mr Powell said: "The only way I'm going is in a wooden box."

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Think-tank savages Major over EU



Thatcher: 1988 speech led to creation of group

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Bruges Group, a Tory Eurosceptic think-tank headed by Baroness Thatcher, will mount a fierce attack this week on John Major and his policy towards Europe.

The think-tank will accuse Mr Major of losing the general election with his policy on Europe, and compare his alleged failure to stand up to Brussels to Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler in 1938. In a pamphlet being published this week, the group claims that Mr Major equivocated and put party management before the interests of the country.

Lady Thatcher is honorary president of the Bruges Group, which was set up after she set out her anti-federalist

in 1988. The group chiefly comprises academics who are hostile to Europe, and Tory peers and MPs.

The pamphlet, entitled John Major and Europe — The failure of a policy, 1990-97, was written by Martin Holmes, an Oxford University academic and co-chairman of the group. "On Europe, John Major blew it," he says. "As Neville Chamberlain is remembered as the Prime Minister of Munich, so will John Major be remembered as the Prime Minister of Maastricht. Major's European policy was an unequivocal failure, the legacy of which the Conservative Party will wrestle with in opposition for perhaps

Mr Holmes accuses Mr Major of making "Eurosceptical noises" during

credo in a speech in the Belgian town the first and last stages of his premiership in a phoney attempt to keep his party together. At the same time, he says Mr Major was a Euroenthusiast "when it mattered", namely in 1992 and 1993, when he forced the Maastricht treaty through Parliament and struggled to keep sterling locked

into the exchange-rate mechanism. For Mr Major the issue was "a function of party management". Mr Holmes says. "He kept the party together by subordinating the national interest to party management." This "dark secret" bound Mr Major and his Euro-enthusiast supporters together, blinding them to the impending electoral nemesis"

More specifically, Mr Holmes says that Mr Major's "wait-and-see" policy towards British membership of a single European currency "lacked all intellectual and political credibility" and could not command respect from enthusiasts or sceptics.

He also accuses Mr Major of defying a growing public hostility towards the European Union and thereby missing a great opportunity to lead his party in a more Eurosceptic and electorally successful direction. "He failed to adjust to the changed agenda of the inrushing intellectual Eurosceptical tide. Consequently, Major successfully held his party together but at the cost of hastening its electoral defeat."

Mr Major could have built on Lady Thatcher's Bruges speech and changed Britain's relationship with Europe, Mr Holmes says, had he not been so obsessed with the reaction of the Conservative Eurofanatics".

Youths mug MP on the Underground

Police are hunting a gang who robbed Helen Brinton, the Labour MP for Peterborough, as she prepared to board a train on the London Underground. Ms Brinton, 42, was robbed on Sunday while returning from her constituency. to her home in Faversham, Kent. The former English teacher at Rochester Girls Grammar School was jostled by a gang of youths who snatched her purse as she caught the train at Euston. She said yesterday: "My first feeling was one of feeling dirty, as if I had been physically abused. The next one was one of acute hysteria and terror." Ms Brinton plans to raise her concerns about crime with Jack Straw. the Home Secretary, and is calling for signs to be put up on the Underground warning of the dangers.

Deafness gene identified

British scientists have identified a gene that causes inherited deafness. Professor Steve Brown, of the Medical Research Council's mammalian genetics unit in Oxford, said one could not say what proportion of cases of such deafness the genetic defect caused and that further research was needed. The conclusions are published in Nature Genetics, alongside a report by Dr Christine Petit from the Pasteur Institute in Paris, which arrives at the same result.

Swampy tunnel thwarted

Daniel Hooper, the protester better known as Swampy, was re-evicted from a tunnel at the site of an earlier demonstration on the route of the A30 in Fairmile, Devon. Hooper and eight others began digging the tunnel at night. The 8ft-deep shaft was discovered after 13 hours. He was escorted off the site, where he occupied a tunnel for six days in January, by police. The contractors said the tunnel was in a cordoned-off area around a badger sett.

Tom joins crew of SeaCat

A Super SeaCat ferry had its first voyage disrupted yesterday by a feline stowaway. The eat had boarded the Sea Containers vessel and was muddling up the craft's communications as it sailed towards Dover. The cat, named Tom by the crew, who intend to adopt it, was found behind an electrical panel on the bridge. Tom was the shipyard cat at the Fincantieri yard in Italy where the SeaCat was built," a Sea Containers spokesman said.

Punt and disorderly

Rival punt firms in Cambridge have been ordered by police to stop their staff arguing over customers or face breach of the peace charges. Although no punches have yet been thrown, officers have been called three times to disputes between students working for Tyrrells and the Cambridge Punt Company on the River Cam in the city centre who have been undercutting each other as they tout for business.

Boy on male rape charge

An II-year-old boy appeared at Nottingham Crown Court charged with the male rape of a 12-year-old. The boy, who was 10 at the time of the alleged offences, is charged with rape, theft of a pencil case and indecent assault. The case was adjourned for trial on October 22. The defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was bailed into local

Busiest surgeons 'safest'

Heart patients have fewer complications if the operations are carried out by the busiest surgeons, a study by an American doctor has shown. Major problems, including death and heart attacks, were suffered by 9.3 per cent of patients treated by doctors who annually did less than 70 angioplasties (a procedure using a balloon to clear arteries) but only 2.9 per cent for those who did 270 or more a year.

Motorcyclists attack car

A family attacked in their car by a gang of motorcyclists were in hiding last night, afraid that they might be targeted again. The family of four, including two young children. were surrounded by the five motorcyclists while driving through West Sussex. They were eventually forced to stop when a window was smashed with a crash helmet. Other motorists forced the gang to ride off.

Group 4 prisoner escapes

A prisoner is on the run after escaping from a Group 4 security van. Police say the 20-year-old man could be violent and should not be approached. He overpowered his two guards when the van taking him to Coventry Magistrates' Court halted in rush-hour traffic near Leicester. Police used a helicopter and dog-handlers to search the area. The man was due to face a charge of aggravated burlary.

Lavatory role of honour

A visiting German journalist was so impressed with the public lavatories along a 50-mile stretch of the Suffolk coast that he took photographs of them and, when he returned to Germany, wrote an article about them in the East Frisia General Anzeiger. Albrecht Schrieber carefully catalogued every lavatory between lpswich and Lowestoff, remarking on their variety and their extremely high standard.

Lawyers split over vote to end trainees' minimum pay

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS' leaders in England and Wales will vote this week on whether to scrap the mandatory minimum salaries that law firms must pay

The profession is deeply divided over the proposals. which critics say are a retrograde step that will close access to careers in law for all but the rich. The minimum salary for trainees (formerly known as articled clerks) is £10,850 a year for the two years of training, a figure unchanged since 1992 and amounting to £5.20 an hour

(£5.85 in London). Many solicitors argue that small firms that were badly hit in the recession can no longer afford the minimum salary and removing it would open up more training places. The proposals are opposed by many young solicitors, including the Trainee Solicitors Group which represents

Mark Dillon, last year's chairman, said: "Removal of the minimum salary has been served up on a platter as a relatively paintess tempting to lessen the burden on the small firm at minimum

cost to the profession." He said the move was not only wrong in principle and against the political trend

towards a minimum wage but

it would fail to achieve its objective. Research had shown that only a few small firms made use of a proviso allowing them to pay less than the minimum. Nor were firms deterred from providing training places: the number had

risen in recent years. He said there was no evidence that removal of the minimum would provide many more places and there was concern about the quality of training that firms could provide if they paid less than the minimum.

Hannah Wiskin, chairwoman of the group, said many solicitors in favour of abolition came from the big City firms that paid trainees as much as £23.000. Abolition would mean that students would stop applying to small firms. "Students arrive with huge debts — on average E5.000 — and our research shows they are not prepared to work for as

little as £5,000 a year." Charles Elly, former president of the Law Society, said: "We ought to retain the minimum salary if we want people irom ali ba grounds. The minimum salary ensures that those who backgrounds are able to enter and that they should not go through their degree course. vocational course and then



Matthew Fresco's encounter with one law firm "was like being treated by a 19th-century mill owner - horrific"

arrive at the training without a guarantee of the salary they will receive at the end of it." Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, said: "Of course I have concern about student debt and trainees being used as court fodder. But one has to look at the growing number of firms who now seek waivers from the minimum - something like

450 in the the last 20 months." Firms in areas such as his own, east Kent, had difficulty in operating a minimum. "It's a very different problem from the City. Here trainees often opportunity is more important than the salary." He favoured recommended guidelines, which would be higher than the current minimum.

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Sacked after ten days – for someone at half the salary

MATTHEW FRESCO'S battle to obtain a trainee place was nothing out of the ordinary. A mature student with a psychology degree - though not from one of the prestige universities - he had to send off hundreds of letters while doing his one-year solicitors'

vocational course (Frances Gibb writes). legal work, which is thought to be a way in, a sort of stepping stone if you can't find a

traineeship," he said. It seemed to have been a good move. He landed some work with the leading City law

firm Richards Butler and. from then on, even the letters of rejection improved in tone. People see you are at Richards Butler and they think better of you immediately." Mr Fresco said.

Then came the breakthrough, A small High Street law firm in Hounslow offered him a six-month trial period, at the end of it. Mr Fresco, 29, left Richards Butler and started work on a salary of £9.000. Ten days into the trial period he was told the firm could no longer employ him.

"First they said the partner-

ship had broken up. But then I discovered they had found someone else who was prepared to work for half the money I was. I was absolutely furious. It was like being treated by a 19th-century mill owner - horrific. I found it almost impossible to believe. One minute I have a good job and a career ahead of me, and ali away."

According to the Trainee Solicitors Group, firms have even suggested to trainees that they go on social security in order to avoid the firm having to pay any salary.

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Time to listen to a tale of despair

SANE, the mental health charity, has been asking patients with schizophrenia how they are coping with the freedom provided by life in the community. The survey has been published today to coincide with Schizophrenia Day.

The report presents a terrifying story of lonely, anxious people, bewildered and puzzled by their symptoms, who are living for days at a time without normal social contacts or the support of the professional health team.

The isolation can drive patients to despair and suicide. and the lack of encouragement to continue with their drug therapy all too easily results in the emergence of symptoms which can lead to violence. Marjorie Wallace, the chief executive of SANE, said: "Psychiatrists and GPs often



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

derstanding. This leaves seriously ill people isolated and at increased risk of suicide. As the result of the hospital-bed closures, patients no longer receive in-patient care for more than a day or two. Now they feel abandoned by the medical profession and the public, and have lost hope."

In the group of patients surveyed, fewer than one in ten had a place at a day centre and even fewer had been offered any form of psychotherapy. About the same appear to be reluctant to give number, just under 10 per patients sufficient time or uncent, admitted to feeling so hopeless that they were storing up their pills so they could commit suicide.

Schizophrenic patients, and their families, suffer their worst problems when prescribed medication has been rejected. Ms Wallace is not entirely surprised because she thinks too many patients are treated initially with outdated and unnecessarily unpleasant drugs, even though better ones are available. She also feels too little time is spent explaining possible side-effects. The

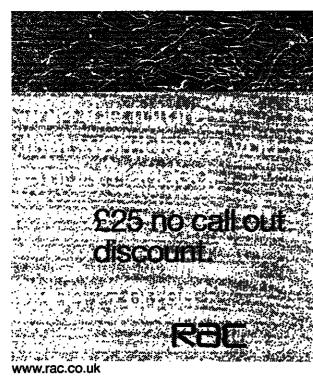
listen to patients' worries. enabling those who hear voices to talk about it. After an understanding discussion the commands of hallucinatory voices become less imperative and more compatible with a life in the community. The latest anti-psychotic

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drugs are more expensive but have far fewer side-effects and are much better at restoring a personality — as long as they continue to be taken. Any additional expense is more than compensated for by their cost-effectiveness, which provides a better lifestyle for the patient and the family, reduces the costs of recurrent readmission to hospital and makes the patient less of a financial burden on other social service budgets.



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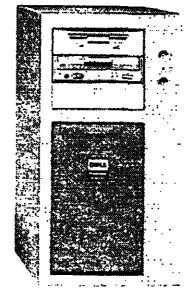
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Earth Centre work 'obliterated 80 per cent of important botanical and butterfly habitat' in Don Valley



Marbled white butterfly





£125m conservation project accused of destroying wildlife

By Paul Wilkinson

AN INTERNATIONAL conin England", set part of servation project has been Ivanhoe at the nearby Noraccused of destroying the very man castle of Conisbrough. type of wildlife habitat it was Conservationsts were hoping set up to protect. that, with the closure of the The El25 million Earth last pit four years ago, the Centre, on the site of a former

views would be reinstated. coalmine near Cadeby in Independent nature lovers south Yorkshire, was designed yesterday claimed that the to demonstrate sustainable Earth Centre, being built with development for the 21st centuthe help of a £50 million ry and to illustrate how hulottery grant, had seriously man beings could use the damaged those aspirations. planet without damaging it. They are especially incensed But contractors preparing by the destruction of a former the 350-acre site by the River limestone railway cutting Don are said to have builcalled Cadeby Rattles, which dozed nesting sites of the has been filled with colliery protected little ringed plover, destroyed a colony of rare yellow ants and obliterated the spoil to make a temporary access road. It is claimed to be the only site in South Yorkonly breeding ground in the shire where the marbled white county of the marbled white butterfly and slow worm can butterfly. It is also claimed be found. The tons of slag are that the work has jeopardised also said to have buried sevan attempt to reintroduce a eral unusual plants, including butterfly so rare that conservawild liquorice, the bee orchid. tionists will not identify it for the common spotted orchid

John Law, 44, a local natu-Before the arrival of the mining industry last century. ralist and ecology lecturer who the views along the Don were has walked the area for more compared with those of the than 20 years, said: "I am Loire Valley. In 1806, Sir devastated at what has hap-Walter Scott, describing the pened. It was one of the most area as "one of the most important botanical and butbeautiful and striking scenes terfly sites in the country.

and adder's tongue.

Local naturalists say they were assured during several meetings with Earth Centre staff that Cadeby Rattles would remain untouched. Now they claim it has been 80 per cent obliterated and that what habitat is left will be ruined by heavy lorries running up and down the access

"When I went to the Earth Centre for an explanation I got a load of flannel." Mr Law said. "When I pointed out they had also wiped out nesting sites of the little ringed plover I was told they had only taken the top off. Where do they think these birds nest?"

would happen.

national habitat survey officer for the British Butterfly Convation Society and author of a book on the area's butterflies, said: "When I saw the earthworks I was so sickened I had to turn back. I only walked the area a few weeks before and had no idea this

To say I was horrified would be an understatement. All those beautiful plants have been destroyed by a massive roadway of slurry. We had raised food plants for a rare species of butterfly reintroduced to the site four years ago but this ham-fisted action has

The Earth Centre staff knew this was a delicate area. The great mistake we made was in trusting them. We took our eye off the ball. An area of beauty, peace and tranquillity has been ruined."

A spokesman for the Doncaster Naturalists Society said the yellow meadow ant's interdependence with a parasitic relative of the wood louse was a classic example of the type of thing the Earth Centre was supposed to illustrate, "how all sorts of plants and creatures depend on each other for their existence. They had an example on their doorstep

have destroyed it. The Earth Centre grew out of the Rio summit, where world leaders agreed that development should be achieved only by methods that would neither exhaust the world's resources nor pollute and destroy its natural habitat. The centre was designed as a living laboratory-cum-

ganic farming. Partly sited on the reclaimed tip of Denaby Main, it will include a pavilion, called the Ark, which is twice as big as St Paul's Cathedral and de-

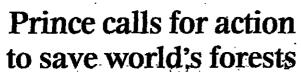
theme park, demonstrating a variety of environmentally friendly systems, such as or-

about to settle. It will cover a variety of landscapes, including several Sites of Special Scientific Interest. They range from unploughed magnesium grasslands, through wetlands by the Don to former sites of quarrying and coal extraction. Dr Patrick Roper, of the

centre's creative development team, maintained that there had been little damage. He said the marbled white butterfly would return and the damage. orchids would recolonise. The ants were now thought to be extinct in mainland Britain. Dr Roper also denied that the cutting had been filled in. He

ringed plover has nested in the past on spoil heaps near by. but no one has alerted us to the fact that it might be nesting this year. Without constant careful briefing, the people using the heavy earth-moving equipment cannot be expected to be aware of all the conservation issues. Once they do they are as sympathetic as anyone else and will take great care not to cause any unnecessary

wildlife on our site and to take whatever steps we can to ensure it continues to



FROM PHILIP PANGALOS IN ATHEMS

PRINCE Michael of Kent has called on governments to take action against deforestation. He said the current rate of global deforestation was 50 per cent higher than a decade ago and that the health and quality of forests

fear of alerting collectors.

was in decline. The Prince told a confer-ence organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature in Athens that there were 3,300 million hectares of forest remaining — half the area that would have existed 10,000 years ago, he said and that only 6 per cent was

legally protected. He said: There is still a long way to go. I find it depressing that so many goveruments feel so little urgency. Forests in any part of the world can be well-managed, provided the political will is there. The WWFs goal is to halve and reverse the degradation of forests and woodland by the year 2000."



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Blair deserves praise for hiring talent from the real world

politicising Whitehall misses the point. The really novel, and striking, feature is how many non-political appointments the Blair Government has made. tapping a pool of experience and talent outside the conventional political world.

Yesterday, for example, Gordon Brown announced the four outside nominations to the Bank of England's new monetary policy committee. None can be described as partisan nominees. They are all both eminent and independent minded - Professor Charles Goodhart, the leading banking

and finance economist; Dr DeAnne Julius of British Airways: Sir Alan Budd, who will be retiring as the Treasury's Chief Economic Adviser this autumn: and Willem Buiter, a leading international economist. If anything, some are almost too academic, without direct market experience, though this might have created conflicts of interest. These appointees should give credibility to the new monetary arrangements which are formally launched later this week.

Earlier examples including the appointment of Sir David, now Lord, Simon, the former chairman of BP, as Minister for trade policy

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and the single market. Michael Heseltine brought in several businessmen to advise Whitehall, but the new Government has gone further in seeking non-Whitehall advice via a series of task forces involving outsiders, incidentally at little, or no, cost to the taxpayer. Martin Taylor, the chief executive of Barclays, will chair the task force on resolving the interaction between tax and social benefits, the Schleswig Holstein question of the welfare state. Few would quarrel

London Business School, to be chairman of the Low Pay Commission which is to be set up to advise on the level at which the national minimum wage should be set.

These appointments are more important than the row about special advisers. The increase in the number of such politically appointed advisers does not yet represent a great change in the working of Whitehall. The number of advisers to ministers is being strictly limited and the expansion in 10 Downing Street has been to increase policy advice, as many

Government has imposed an entirely unnecessary straitjacket on itself by promising to keep the pay bill for such advisers to the same total as under the Tories. That means that senior advisers (some with experience from the last Labour Government) have had their pay held down.

The only real issue is whether the growth in the number of special advisers interferes with the Whitehall command structure and the impartial advice supplied by civil servants. This was specifically recognised in the Order in Council

with the appointment of Professor commentators on Whitehall afon May 3 allowing Mr Blair to George Bain, the principal of the fairs have urged. Indeed, the appoint three advisers (including Jonathan Powell and Alastair Campbell) who could give orders to civil servants. The dividing line between politics and the Civil Service is anyway blurred in 10 Downing Street. It has only been since 1928 that the principal private secretary has been a career civil servant, while the chief press secretary has previously been a political appointee or a journalist rather than a civil servant. Mrs Thatcher also had a political chief

of staff, David Wolfson, for several

years. Moreover, a number of

advisers have become politically

committed under a particular Prime Minister and not returned to Civil Service posts.

The Blair premiership has so far involved strong central political direction and co-ordination. But the size of even the enlarged Prime Minister's office is still small by international standards. There are, admittedly, dangers in ministers just listening to an inner circle of politically trusted advisers, but the Blair Government has shown a welcome willingness to look outside to non-partisan businessmen and academics.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour's low-pay chief acknowledges risk of job losses

CHIEF POLITICAL

GEORGE BAIN, the new head of the Low Pay Commission, risked embarrassing the Government vesterday by conceding that the national minimum wage could lead to job

Professor Bain, appointed yesterday to chair the body that will recommend the level for a statutory minimum wage, also suggested that the loss of some low-paid jobs would be a good thing, "Everyone is agreed that we want to set a rate which will do something for the low paid without costing jobs." he said. "I would be surprised if there were not some job losses, but the question is whether those jobs would be better lost anyway. Anyone who says they know what the impact will be is misleading you because there are so many imponderables.

But Professor Bain, principal of the London Business School, said there was certainly a need for a minimum rate and argued that sanctions should be imposed on firms

that refused to pay it. The Government tried to distance itself from his remarks about probable job losses. Labour spent most of the general election campaign denying that the wage would source said. "But nobody now



Bain: says impact is not predictable

lead to job cuts unless it was set too high.

"The minimum wage will be set at a level that won't cost jobs," one Whitehall source said. Downing street was more wary, insisting that if the minimum wage was set at the right level job losses were

John Monks, the TUC general secretary, had welcomed Professor Bain's appointment, saying that he was a respected and independent figure who would command the respect of both employers and employees. Yesterday trade union sources suggested that Professor Bain had been talking as an academic about the possibility of job losses. "Most people accept there will be some effect on jobs," one an hour then a lot of people

accepts the political argument that there will be hundreds of thousands of job losses. Professor Bain was not suggest-

Professor Bain suggested that the commission would minimum wage by April, allowing time for it to be implemented next summer. But he is already under pressure from trade unionists to implement the statutory minimum wage by spring. Unions have called for different levels, most of which are between £4 and £4.50 an hour.

John Edmonds, general sec-retary of the GMB, said he believed that there would be no difficulty in setting a tight timetable. The Commission should recommend a figure by this autumn, giving the Gov-ernment until Christmas to announce the new rate so that it could come into effect from

But Ruth Lee, head of the Institute of Directors' policy unit, said that the IoD remained strongly opposed to a minimum wage of £4 an hour and that introducing it by next April seemed hasty. Setting it at E4 was potentially "very destructive" and would be particularly damaging in areas such as retailing and textiles. "It is far too high," she said. Even if the figure was £3



Senator Mitchell and his co-chairmen in London yesterday after meeting Tony Blair and Mo Mowlam, below left



Belfast breaks political mould as talks resume

CORRESPONDENT

NATIONALISTS took a huge Belfast City Council elected its first Roman Catholic Lord Mayor since Queen Victoria granted the city's Royal Char-

Alban Maginness, 46, a Social Democratic and Labour Party councillor in Belfast for 12 years, was elected with the support of Sinn Fein and the Alliance Party. Today he will join other senior SDLP members at the multiparty talks that resume at Stormoni after a two-month adjournment.

The talks will be chaired by Senator George Mitchell,

with Tony Blair yesterday on his way from the United States to Belfast. At a 30minute meeting in Downing Street they discussed ways of breaking the impasse that held up progress for almost a

Sinn Fein, which will he excluded until the IRA declares a ceasefire, will stage a publicity stunt outside the venue. Gerry Adams, the party president, insisted yesterday that Sinn Fein should be allowed to join the talks because of its strong electoral mandate.

His demands went unheeded yesterday after the IRA ended its unofficial ceasefire over the weekend by abandoning a 1,000 lb bomb in

the Northern Ireland Security Minister, said ministers would review talks that officials are holding with Sinn Fein. He said there was no justification for the bomb. which was clearly targeted at the police and Army.

Belfast's new Lord Mayor last night hailed his victory as a "breaking of the political mould". Mr Maginness, a barrister who is highly respected across the sectarian parriers in Northern Ireland. said one of his main objectives was to create a bond of trust between Protestants and Catholics. Unionists and Nationalists, leading to reconciliation and peace in a city that remained the most divided in

Clarke in video bid to boost his appeal

By Andrew Pierce

KENNETH CLARKE, beerdrinking scourge of the Tory image-makers, finally succumbed yesterday when he launched a video appeal to wavering voters in the party leadership contest.

The decision to draft in a film company surprised friends and foes of the former Chancellor, who has refused so far to follow the example of the other five contenders and

stage any press conferences. Constituency activists who received copies of the video yesterday had an even bigger surprise when they played it. Mr Clarke, seen as a political heavyweight in more ways than one, had shed a stone, although his aides attribute that to a punishing general election rather than a desire to look lean for the cameras.

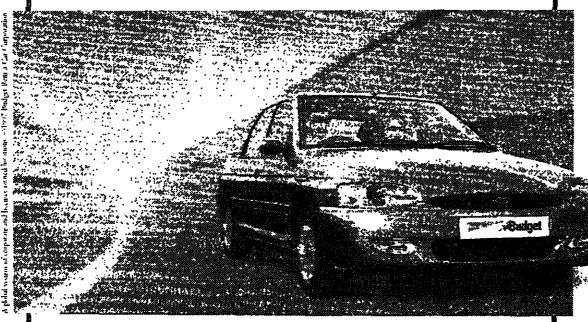
It was not the only dramatic change. The famously rumpled suits have been replaced by smartly pressed pinstripes. his tousled hair has been cut and combed and his trademark Hush Puppies are only briefly on view. But the 12minute film does show him in a pub. clutching a pint and performing his favourite role

as taproom raconteur. Roddy Gye, managing director of GHA Communications, which made the film, said: "Kenneth Clarke is not the sort for soft focus lighting and bursts of atmospheric music. It is a straightforward film with a simple message: he

is the man for the job." The film shows Mr Clarke in action in the Commons,but the most effective clip is from the last party conference when a youthful looking William Hague led the applause for his more senior colleague.

☐ William Hague had a 45 minute meeting with Baroness Thatcher vesterday. The former Prime Minister has declined to back any candidate in the first round but friends say that she may state her choice in the closing stages.

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Education law being rushed, say Tories By POLLY NEWTON

THE Government was acthrough the abolition of the assisted places scheme without allowing MPs enough time to study details of the

Labour is to phase out the scheme, which pays for children from low-income families to attend private schools, and use the savings to fund its commitment to reduce class sizes to a maximum of 30 by 2002 for pupils aged five, six and seven. The Education (Schools) Bill, which implements the measure, was given a second reading yesterday and will pass through its committee stage and third

reading on Thursday. Tories complained that the Bill had not been available to MPs until after the Commons rose for the Whitsun recess. Eric Forth, a frontbench education spokesman, questioned whether this gave adequate time for MPs to consider in properly and for interested parties outside the Commons

to make their comments. But Margaret Hodge, Labour MP for Barking, said that the Tories were simply unable to deal with a Government that kept its election pledges and did so quickly.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, insisted that the assisted places scheme was flawed. Nearly one third of those helped by it had already been at a private school before their application was approved, and more than half came from middle-class backgrounds.

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Nigerian gunboats shell Freetown coup leaders' base

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

FIGHTING swept through Freetown yesterday after Nigerian gunboats opened up a dawn bombardment in an attempt to topple the Sierra Leonean coup leaders.

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The shelling killed about 20 people in the Aberdeen seafront district, and terrified residents fled with bundles of possessions on their heads. Witnesses said that several more civilians had been killed in the crossfire between the intervening Nigerian troops, on the one side, and Sierra Leonean soldiers and rebels allied to coup leaders.

Britain expressed alarm at the outbreak of military action, insisting that the coup leaders should be persuaded to step down by negotiation and peaceful means.

The Nigerian bombardment began in the early morning, directed into the western part of the city where the rebel leaders have their headquarters. Witnesses reported an entire family killed by incoming mortar shells. Small-arms fire was also heard in the city. The attack provoked anger from many Sierra Leoneans, including opponents of the coup, and thousands took to the streets, chanting "We want peace.'

Troops supporting the rebels surrounded the city's main hotel where Nigerian soldiers were guarding about 75 Britons, 15 Americans and other foreigners seeking ref-

uge from the violence. Many of the civilians sought shelter in the Mammy Yoko hotel basement, as windows on the first and second floors were shattered by gunfire. "It's a fight for survival," one Nigerian officer said after six Nigerian troops were wounded. After a lull last night, there were hopes that a ceasefire could be negotiated. The Nige-

peacekeeping force for Liberia that was stationed in Sierra Leone when the coup was staged on May 25, said they had seized control of the airport, north of the capital, after a brief fight with Sierra Leonean troops.

The force from the West African economic co-operation group. Ecomog, was reinforced by troops from Ghana and Guinea. The rebel troops sent out a helicopter during the day to fire back at the Nigerian gunships moored in

Peter Penfold, the British High Commissioner, has been attempting to persuade the rebel leader, Major Johnny Koromah, to step down and allow the return of President Kabbah, who has fled to Guinea. It was not known where he was last night, but he was thought to be travel-

British major hurt in clashes

A BRITISH officer in Sierra Leone was hit by sbrapnel in the head and back yesterday during clashes in Freetown. nats said (James Bone writes). Major Lincoln Jopp. on a training attachment as an adviser to the Sierra Leone government forces. had remained in the capital after last week's evacuation of British citizens as Nigerian troops massed to reverse a coup by low-ranking army officers. Major Jopp. of the Scots Guards, was hit after shuttling between the British High Commission and an hotel in the capital where foreigners, protected by a small number of Nigerian troops, had been encircled by a much larger force of rebels

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ling back from Guinea. Yesterday's attack followed the breakdown of talks that went on until late on Sunday night. Major Koromah refused to step down on Sunday, and named a 20-man council, including Foday Sankoh, the leader of the shadowy Revolutionary United Front (RUF) that has been fighting a bush war against the Government

Three other RUF members were also appointed to the council. Mr Sankoh is being detained in a hotel in Abuja, the Nigerian capital. His rele phone was cut off after he had called on the RUF to light

alongside the rebels. The Foreign Office said yesterday that all British passport-holders who had asked to leave had been taken out. There were no plans to close the High Commission, but Mr Penfold had advised remaining Britons to stay indoors and

keep their heads down.
Tony Lloyd, the Minister of
State at the Foreign Office. thanked the Americans and French for their help in taking Britons out of Freetown to Conakry, in Guinea. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General and a former Foreign Minister of Nigeria, said at the weekend that neighbouring countries had the right to intervene to restore order in Sierra

☐ Harare: The Organisation of African Unity's annual summit opened here yesterday with statements of firm backing for any action necessary the countries involved in Freetown to return Sierra Leone's elected Government to power. President Mugabe of Zimbabwe urged that "democracy be restored as a matter of urgency".



Neimah Duncan, left, is overcome by emotion after arriving at Stansted with other evacuees to be welcomed by her daughter, Soraya

Tears and tales of terror at family reunions

By Lin Jenkins

MORE than 200 evacuees from the coup in Sierre Leone arrived back in Britain yesterday, including children reunited with their parents after being caught up in fighting.

Among them was Ramatta Conteh, the two-year-old girl found by an American hotel owner in Freetown with her passport in a purse around her neck. Others included missionaries, aid workers, businessmen, students and other children left with

relatives in the West African country. The 230 passengers, 126 from Britain and the Commonwealth, flew into Stansted airport at 5am from Conakry, the capital of neighbouring Guinea, on

a Foreign Office-chartered Dight. Ramatta finally met her mother, Isatu, a healthcare assistant at a London hospital, after passing through immigration and being met by Essex social services. She had been staying

'People have been raped and had guns pointed at their children. It is anarchy'

the past seven months but was found wandering alone by Roger Crooks on Friday. His fiancee. Vanessa Schillachi, took Ramatta by helicopter to the USS Kearsage, which delivered her to Guinea. There she was met by a

cousin, who flew with her to Stansted. Other evacuated children told how Freetown descended into chaos around them. Jenovive Chinyere, nine, hid with her sister Rita, 13, and brother Anthony, 15, beneath their home. They held guns to us in our neighbour's house," Anthony said. "They said they had been suffering for years and now it was their turn to enjoy. They came to our house and destroyed everything. What they could not take

they shot. We hid under the house and they did not know we were there."

mother in south London yesterday while their father remained in Guinea, anxious about the fare of his business in Sierra Leone.

Three-year-old twins Daphne and Desphelia Lewis flew back to Britain with their grandmother. Their father, Desmond, from northwest London, said: "They went to see their grandparents for the first time over eight weeks ago. We were worried sick about them. I'm so relieved to have them back."

Tears and tales of terror accompanied many reunions. Dido Kange trembled as he pulled from his suitcase a bullet-damaged padlock from the gate to his home. "They shot through the padlock. They were shooting between my legs," he said. "One had a rocket-propelled grenade-launcher

His mother-in-law, Neimah Dun can, 55, said: "People have been raped, they have been beaten, and they have had guns pointed at their children. It is complete anarchy. There is no sense to ir." She said she feared for her husband, Richard, who has remained

to protect the family business. Eddie Bamin, 65, decided to leave two days after he saw his wife, four children and three grandchildren escape to safety. "I don't think I will go back. In my bedroom there are bullets like nobody's business. My son-in-law was jumping like he was skipping they kept firing bullets at the floor saying they wanted money."

Edith Mayhew spent the night at the airport after flying from her home in Glasgow, not knowing if her children were on the DC10. It was only when Sammy, 18, and Graham, seven, emerged from the customs hall that she knew they were safe. I can't

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US relieved by record reduction in murder

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE murder rate in the United States dropped by a record if per cent last year and violent crime overall fell by 7 per cent, the largest drop since the Government first kept statistics 37 years ago. Preliminary figures issued by the FBI yesterday suggest that for the first time violent crime has fallen below the levels that engulfed America in the late 1960s and early

The big cities of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston all reported fewer everyday occurrence. murders in 1996. Among only a few notable exceptions to the trend was Washington where homicides rose by 30, making the city once again eligible for the dubious mantle of US murder capital.

The nationwide figure of 19,224 murders annually remains by far the highest of any Western democracy and the American South, which has a particular culture of violence, reported only a minor de-crease of 2 per cent in violent

In contrast, Britain had a relatively low total of 680 murders in 1996, a fall of 8 per cent, while violent crime as a whole rose by 11 per cent over the same period, the biggest increase for seven years. The total number of offences, however, fell by 1.3 per cent in 1996, the fourth consecutive

President Clinton and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General. hailed the new statistics as a direct result of the Administration's anti-crime policies. "The continued downward trend over the past four years is further evidence we are on the right track with increased community policing, tougher penalties and greater juvenile crime prevention. Mr Clinton

Experts believe that the unprecedented drop has been caused by several factors. including the growing number of ageing baby-boomers who now account for one-third

of the population. Almost all violent crime is committed by young people. Another important component is thought to have been the apparent truce among drug traffickers over control of the crack cocaine market in America's inner cities. Despite an increase in drug use in the US, gang leaders have brought an end to the years of violent turf wars, marked out their territoy and stabilised the market. Drive-by shootings and ran-dom killings are no longer an

The maturation of the crack market accounts for a lot of the decrease," said James Fyfe, a criminologist at Wash ington's Temple University and a former police officer. "A lot of these kids are in jail or have killed each other off already to eliminate the competition. After a few years, strong and cunning people take control.

He said a similar pattern had emerged with alcohol in the 1920s, heroin in the 1960s. and cocaine in the 1980s.

Police officials in the big cities believe that tougher federal gun control, combined with zero-tolerance policies for minor infractions, including graffiti, vandalism and petty brawls have further contributed to the downward trend.

Ms Reno used the announcement of the figures to ress Congress to pass Mr Clinton's youth crime Bill, which would provide more prosecutors, allow tougher penalties for gang-related violence and make it harder for teenagers to obtain guns.

James Fox, dean of the college of Northeastern University in Boston, said that the decline may only be temporary as more than 39 million children would reach their teens at the new millennium.

"Crime is down but not out." he said. They will be teenagers before you can say 'juvenile crime wave', and whether those kids turn to violence depends on us."



Postman's knock: the former Sears Catalogue distribution centre in Kansas City starts to collapse after a controlled explosion of more than a ton of dynamite. An \$84 million (£51 million) processing centre for the US Postal Service will be built on the site

Canada poll dominated by Quebec

By Tom Rhodes

CANADA went to the polls yesterday in an election over-shadowed by national unity. the single issue which threat-ens to undermine the next government.

While polls were predicting victory for the Liberal Party of Jean Chretien, the Canadian Prime Minister, the primary concern for the voters was the fight for second place between the divisive forces of the

Mr Chretien, who had called the election a year early to secure a further mandate for his management of the economy, saw the campaign deteriorate into mud-slinging over whether the mainly French-speaking Quebec would stay in the federation.

The question of indepen-dence for Quebec was not even on the ballot but the result today is expected to leave Canada a fractured and balkanised shadow of its former seif. Mr Chretien was predicted

to maintain a slim majority, or possibly even a minority of the 301 seats, while the populist Reform Party in the west seemed set to become the Opposition.

Iraqi arms official to visit Britain

By MICHAEL BINYON

THREE top tracti officials, including a representative from President Saddam Hussein's war machine — at the heart of the arms-to-lraq scandal — are due to visit Britain to begin talks on granting oil concessions to a British company.

Iraqi opposition groups yesterday de-nounced the visit, and urged all governments to stick by the sanctions agreement and not negotiate with Saddam.

The three men include Dr Takriti, one of the top officials of the oil ministry. Visas for the group - the most senior to visit Britain since the Gulf War - were granted by the British Embassy in Amman. They are understood to be seeking

Wartime role

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Clarksville, Indiana: Rose

Will Monroe, right, whose

high-profile role as "Rosie the

Riveter" in promotional films

and on posters pushed women

to take jobs during the Second

World War, has died aged 77.

urday, was working as a

riveter building military air-

planes in Ypsilanti, Michigan,

when she was asked to star in

a promotional film about the

war effort. The role became

synonymous with thousands

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to offer sole concessions to Perenco for the development of the Nassiriya oil field in southern Iraq. The company had no one

available to comment yesterday

The delegation includes representatives
from the Ministry of Oil, the Ministry of
Industry and the Military Industrialisation Organisation (MIO). The Iraqi National Congress, representing Iraqi opposition groups in Britain, said yesterday it was "particularly ominous" that officials from the MIO — the agency that developed the Iraqi arms industry should be involved.

In December the United Nations allowed Iraq to sell limited amounts of oil for food, medicine and humanitarian needs, but foreign companies were still banned from direct investment in Iraq's oil industry. When Security Council resolution 986 was passed, Western companies scrambled to secure future contracts at the lucrative rates being offered by Iraq, and the Department of Trade and Industry lifted a ban on.

negotiations for post-sanctions contracts.
The arrival of the top Iraqis is embarrassing to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, who insisted when Labour came to office that the Government would take a firmer line on human rights. New York: Kofi Annan; the UN Secretary-General, yesterday recom-mended a six-month extension of the \$2 billion "oil-for-food" deal when it expires on June 7 (James Bone writes). The Security Council is expected to approve

Russian soldier kills

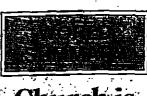
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ing in a peacekeeping battalion, the second such army incident in less than three days, the Russian military yesterday (Richard Beeston writes). Among the dead was the commanding officer of the platoon.

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ten peacekeepers Moscow: A sergeant shot isolated incident, the authori-dead ten fellow soldiers serv- ties could have blamed it on ties could have blamed it on the mental state of one individual. But the shooting was the

At the weekend, authorities in Siberia said they had arrested Yevgeni Gorbunov. 20, a conscript accused of killing five fellow soldiers in a shooting at his barracks near disputed region of Abkhazia. Chita on Friday. Last year. military prosecutors investigating 2,117 deaths in the armed forces concluded that about half were murders.



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Church is guilty of race bias

New York: The United Meth-

odist Church has been ordered to pay \$180,000 (£110,000) in damages for racial discrimination against a white minister after it failed to interview him for a "blacks-only" job (Tunku Varadarajan writes). An all-black jury in Baltimore, the most black city on America's East Coast, found for John Shirkey, 60, who sued the church in 1993. Mr Shirkey, who has spent most of his pastoral career working in the impoverished black areas of Baltimore and Washington, applied for the post of community organiser, but was told that the job was reserved for blacks and "indigenous people". Whites, he was told. need not apply. The church is

ANC challenged

Johannesburg: South African trade union leaders claimed that more than two million workers joined their nationwide strike against new labour laws (Inigo Gilmore writes). The success of the protest, including a march here, underscored the widen-ing gulf between Labour and its allies in the African National Congress Government by threatening rolling mass action to highlight grievances.

Failed dream

New York: The American Dream of Elhajo Malick Dieye, 30, a penniless Senegalese immigrant, ended abruptly when he jumped from the Statue of Liberty in front of tourists (James Bone writes). Officials said it was the first suicide in memory at the statue that promises to welcome "your poor huddled masses" to American shores.

Senna tyres 'low'

Rome: Damon Hill, the world motor racing champion, said he did not believe the Williams team was responsible for the death of Ayrton Senna at Imola in 1994 (Richard Owen writes). Senna made two unusual "corrections" before the crash on the Tamburello bend, possibly due to a fall in tyre pressure, he told the manslaughter trial in Imola.

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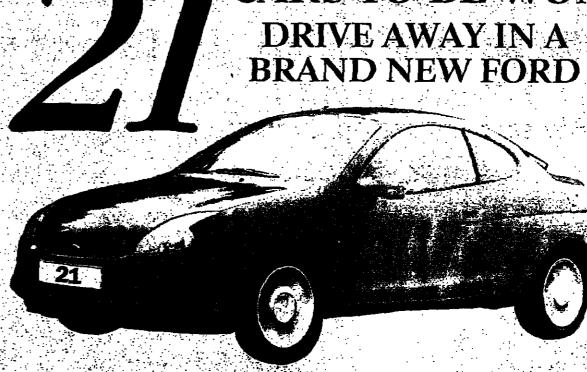
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Netanyahu attacks media over wife's row with minister

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU. the Israeli Prime Minister, fumed at the media yesterday as a fresh report emerged of his third wife Sara's domineering behaviour.

The latest row, after her much-publicised disputes last year with their nannies, surfaced as a new book reported an alleged telephone conversation last year between Mrs Netanyahu and Limor Livnat, the Communications Minister who is the only woman in the right-wing Cabinet.

According to excerpts from the book. Netanyahu — the Road to Power, by local journalists Ben Caspit and Ilan ANC challenge Kfir, Mrs Netanyahu refused Ms Livnat's request to speak to "Bibi", the nickname by which the Prime Minister is popularly known, when she phoned their home.

The authors claim that Mrs Netanyahu, a former air hostess, suspected her husband of having an affair with Ms Livnat. Before their conversation degenerated into a shouting match, the call allegedly went as follows.

Livnat: "Good evening, can I speak to Bibi?" Mrs Netanyahu: "Bibi's here, but he won't speak to

Livnat: "Excuse me?" Mrs Neranyahu: "It's Friday night. Please do not call here at this time. Bibi is with

the children. You call here all the time and it is very

disturbing." Livnat: "That's not true. I almost never call at this time, and, in any case, Bibi asked me to call.

Mrs Netanyahu: "I have already told Yvet Lieberman Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office to tell you not to phone here any more. I can't understand why you are being stubborn."

Livnat: "Tell me what this behaviour of yours is all about. You are talking about nonsense, imaginary things. You disturb our work, and I am asking you to apologise and let me speak to Bibi." Mrs Netanyahu: "That's out

of the question." Livnat: "You're really crazy.



Livnat had shouting match with First Lady Now I believe everything I have heard about you."

The book also alleges that, during last year's election, Mr Netanyahu's aides tried to conceal from his wife that he had decided to appoint Ms Livnat to the Cabinet, and had disseminated two lists of ministers, one true and one fabricated. Asked about it, Shai Bazak, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said: "I do not want to respond to gossip."

Yesterday, Mr Netanyahu was asked by Israel army radio for his reaction to the latest unflattering reports about his wife. "If you ask me if I am angry, very much so. If you ask me if I am steaming, I am steaming. It has to stop now," he declared.

Asked if his wife interfered in his political life, Mr Netanyahu. 47. said: "Not at all. They took a minor event and blew it out of all proportion." Israeli journalists maintain

it is fair to comment on Mrs Netanyahu's actions because it was the Prime Minister who put her in the spotlight before and after his victory. Embracing the wife he publicly admitcheating on, Mr Netanyahu sought to show he had put his own house in order.

Mrs Netanyahu is also a target for criticism because she has broken with tradition and accompanies her husband on most of his foreign trips.



Binyamin and Sara Netanyahu celebrate Likud's election victory. It was he who put her in the spotlight

Israel to act over land agent killings

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ISRAEL yesterday accused the Palestinian Authority of involvement in the recent killings of three Palestinians who sold land to Jews, and warned that 'operational steps" had been taken to combat any further attacks.

Three Arab land dealers have been killed since the Palestinian Authority announced the death penalty for the sale of land to Jews. A fourth has disappeared and is presumed murdered.

"Senior officials of the Palestinian

ders," Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, claimed yesterday as he called an emergency meeting of his security chiefs. This is simply standing the peace process on its head."

In a communique put out after the emergency meeting, the Israeli Government said that it would issue warrants for those suspected of involvement in the killings and take additional steps to prevent further "attempts at kidnapping and murder".

The Tel Aviv daily Haaretz revealed

obtained a secret "hit list" of 16 Palestinian land dealers whom the Palestinian authorities had ordered killed. The authenticity of the list was reinforced because it contained the names of three of those already murdered since the new order against selling land to Jews was

☐ Berlin: The Berlin Opera yesterday sacked one of its double-bass players after he signed a Tel Aviv hotel bill in the name of Adolf Hitler "as a joke" while on a tour of Israel. (Reuter)

£3bn rail link gives Danes a short cut

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT

DENMARK'S 150-year-old dream of a fixed link between its east and west has become reality. Queen Margrethe has inaugurated the "Great Belt" rail tunnel and bridge connecting the eastern island of Zealand, on which Copenhagen stands, and the central

island of Funen. The moves, in effect, join the Danish capital to the European mainland as road and rail bridges have long run from Funen to the Jutland peninsula. The five million Danish population is divided almost 50-50 by the II-milewide Great Belt.

Denmark's most ambitious public works engineering scheme, the link has cost almost £3 billion. Work began in 1988 but completion was delayed for three years by technical problems, accidents and a legal dispute over tendering.

The construction ends 114 years of train ferries, and cuts a crossing time of more than an hour to seven minutes.

the state-owned DSB railway consists of two five-mile tunnel tubes from Zealand to the islet of Sprogoe, where trains surface to join a six-mile combined rail and road bridge spanning the western section.

The project will be completed next June when a suspension bridge now being built between Strogoe and Zealand is ready for road traffic.

Pharaohs' museum hopes to shelter reigning cats and dogs

By Christopher Walker

EUROPEAN and American pet food companies are to be approached on financing a new room dedicated to mummified pets and other animals from the time of the Pharaohs in the Cairo Museum.

"Pets were very common," said Salima Ikram, the Egyptologist leading the drive to

dogs, fish, snakes and baboons. The animals were mostly offerings to the gods.

home to the treasures of Tutankhamun, has accepted the idea but has ruled that Ms Ikram will have to raise the £125,000 cost from private donations. She has lectured in Egypt and America in her attempt to find funds.

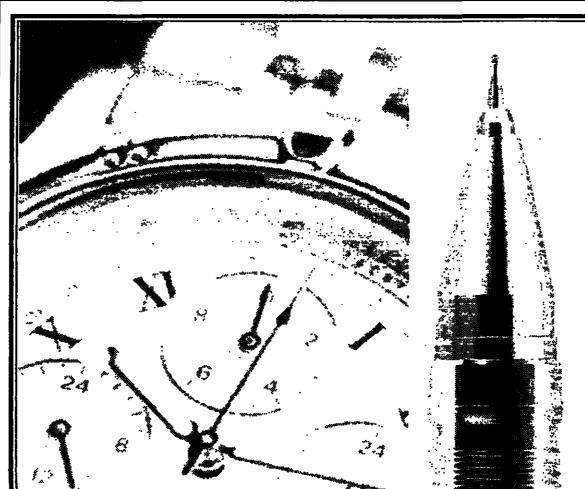
mummified cats, crocodiles, the ancient Egyptians imm-

ortalised not only sacred animals, but also pets. In one, Prince Tuthmosis's cat Mit sits before a table piled high The cash-strapped museum, with loaves, a duck and a few beef ribs. In another, the nobleman

Ptahmosis holds the wooden sceptres of office while a monkey tethered beneath his chair kicks up a foot in delight and plucks a grape from a Ms Ikram, whose enthusi-

asm is expected to attract worldwide attention and whose project could help to boost tourism at a time when Islamic terrorism in Cairo is on the wane, said that ancient Egypt was "an economically stable society that could afford to have pets".

Noblemen raised cats, monkeys and dogs, while Pha-raohs kept hunting dogs and lions, with which they are sometimes pictured in hunting scenes. "We do not have cuddly Pharaohs," Ms Ikram added. "We have Pharaohs smiting and hunting."



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How Chirac's European partners will respond to his failed election gamble and Juppé's premature exit

Nervous Bonn strives to keep euro on track

6 The future of European policy

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY urged the new French Government to reject any idea of stretching or bending the entry criteria for European economic and monetary union (EMU) and to work together with Bonn to ensure that the euro project starts on time.

The plea came as the rise of the Socialists to power in France clouded the Franco-German partnership which is the driving force behind a more integrated Europe.

The nervousness of the German authorities was ex-pressed yesterday by Karl Lamers, the foreign policy spokesman for the Christian Democrats and a key European strategist for Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. The future of European policy currently depends on the German-French tandem," he said. "Over the next weeks and months the most critical issue will be monetary union, which is entering its most sensitive preparatory phase ... The marker cannot be given the impression that the entry criteria are not taken as seriously

Herr Kohl will press this point when Lionel Jospin. the new French Prime Minister. visits Bonn, perhaps this week, shortly before Tony

visits Germany on Friday. Herr Lamers was speaking for the German leader when he said: "The convergence criteria are not mathematics but rather psychology and, as such, they should be treated with sensitivity. Germany

must set a good example." The Kohl team has always got on well with French Socialists. The Franco-German partnership of the 1980s and 1990s was built up with the late Socialist President, François

dent Chirac, is how soft the new European currency will be, given M Jospin's support for a flexible interpretation of the EMU criteria.

The budget strains in Germany and the leftward lurch in France could trigger a crisis in relations. Bonn blundered when it wanted the Bundesbank to revalue nat-ional gold reserves to solve some of its problems with public debt and enable it to qualify for EMU. The bank opposes such a move. A compromise is likely to be worked out between Bonn and Frank-

the postponement debate." Two other dangers were identified by the German political class yesterday. Michael Glos. of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, spotted problems with Communist participation in the new French Government. The French Left will be reliant on

> nists, who question further integration in Europe."
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> The other fear concerns President Chirac. The influential newspaper General-Anzeiger said: "An uncertain leader who wants to make up for a mistake has to be

the support of the Commu-

ment will become harder.

Both sides regard their respec-

tive courses as the minimum

to appease their suspicious

electorate. There is no obvious

exit from this dilemma apart from delaying the start of

monetary union. But Herr

Lamers issued a warning yes-

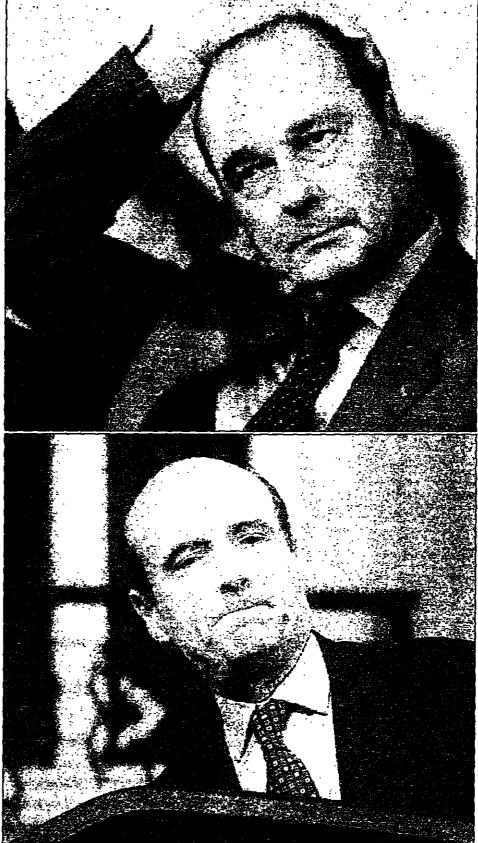
terday against entertaining that thought, too. "It would

not be at all helpful. It could

even be dangerous to revive

handled with caution. "Chirac will try to talk with Kohl about changing the criteria for the stability package and for joining the euro club." Under the circumstances, it said, it would be safer to delay

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President Chirac, top, now has the headache of "cohabitation" after the Socialist win, which forced the resignation of Alain Juppé, above, his Prime Minister

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Mitterrand, and Jacques Delors, a Socialist President of the European Commission. Herr Lamers still visits M Delors and Bonn is considering various French ideas for an "economic government" to balance the monetary control to be exercised by the future

European Central Bank. There is confidence that the French Government has the political will to stay on course for the euro. The open question however, discussed at length in a telephone call between Herr Kohl and Presi-

give some ground on the issue. providing that Bonn pledges to be tough about allowing entry to other countries suspected of accounting tricks. In particular, the bank wants Bonn to resist firmly the early accession of Italy to EMU. This would be the bank's contribution to creating a relatively strong euro and retaining trust in the new currency. But M Jospin is specifically

committed to early Italian and Spanish entry. As the French becomes softer on EMU crite-

Social Democrats flex their muscles

By ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S Social Democrat Opposition, encouraged by the wave of success for left-wing European parties, yesterday flexed its muscles and launched a noconfidence motion against Theo Waigel. the Finance Minister. If he loses the vote, which will probably be held tomorrow, the Helmut Kohl Government could crumble.

"We are entering the end phase of the Kohl era." Joschka Fischer, the Green leader, said after joining the Social Democrats in their initiative to unseat Herr Waigel. Their chances of success are limited since the Chancellor will almost certainly throw his weight behind his embattled minister and, despite disgruntlement in government ranks. few deputies want to risk an early

KOHL'S RIVALS

election. "If Herr Waigel goes, then the Chancellor goes too and all the rest of them," Herr Fischer said with glee.

The pressure for change in Germany is two-fold. First the victory of Lionel Jospin - more even than the success of Britain's new Labour - is a clear sign to both Social Democrats and Greens that months of welfare cuts and high unemployment are turning the popular tide against even such firmly anchored leaders as Herr Kohl. Second, the Chancellor has lost his ability to choreograph daily politics or ride effortlessly through crises: the government coalition argued without result about how to plug the budget deficit until the early hours of Monday

today. The exhaustion of the Government, the failure to open and steer public debate about Europe and, above all, the difficulty in translating higher growth into higher employment, have sparked the recovery of the Left in Europe. Social Democrats rule, or help to rule, in all the important European countries apart from Germany and Spain. German Social Democrats have been trawling European capitals in search of a magic formula for reforming the welfare state while hoosting their election chances.

A Socialist International session in Sweden on Thursday - a day before Tony Blair makes his first prime ministerial visit to Bonn — will try to draw some general principles. The first is plainly that Socialist parties have to adapt to the market, abandon class rhetoric and seek out the centre ground.

EU ponders effect on treaty talks

Luxembourg: Anxiety and some optimism coloured the reaction of European governments yesterday as they absorbed the advent of a fullblown Socialist Administration in France two weeks before the negotiation of a revised Maastricht treaty (Charles Bremner writes). At a Luxembourg session of

European Union loreign min-

isters, the election of Lionel Jospin's left-wing bloc was deemed a source of uncertainty but also by some as a boost to fulfilling the EU's desire since Maastricht to end its

Ministers played down the prospects of any upheaval in France's relations with Germany and Europe, despite the voters' demonstration of their

divorce from its people.

distaste for the Gaullists' Maastricht-inspired austerity drive, However, M Jospin's party, with its centralising doctrines, is deemed old-fashioned by many of its European Socialist partners. The Socialist branch of the Dutch and Italian coalitions, for example, have more in common with new Labour than the French

Rome to seek allies for EMU delay

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY will today seek to establish whether Britain might support a year's delay on the single currency timetable "in the light of developments in France and Germany", diplomats said yes-

terday.
Robin Cook the Foreign Dini, his Italian counterpart. in Rome today to "mend fences" after French and Ger-man policies on economic and monetary union have been thrown into disarray, Italy, where the centre-left Government took office a year ago. yesterday welcomed the French Socialist election victory, noting that Britain, Italy and France now all have administrations of the Left.

"[Lionel] Jospin has given &

strong signals that he wants Italy to be able to join the single currency, and the Ger-man row over revaluing gold reserves shows that we all have trouble meeting the Maastricht EMU criteria, one Italian official said. La Repubblica noted that, while the Paris-Bonn dialogue would now become more difficult.

ITALY

lines of communication between London, Paris and Rome would be easier.

The Government of Professor Romano Prodi fears being left behind in the race to quality for the single currency, and is clearly relieved at signs that the criteria might now be relaxed or fudged. It has made a determined effort to meet the criteria by raising taxes and cutting the budget deficit. It has been deeply angered by suggestions in Bonn and Brussels that a reluctance to reduce pensions and welfare spending means Italy will still fail to qualify for EMU in 1999.

Rome looked to Britain's Government for support, and was stung when Mr Cook appeared to ignore Italian aspirations, remarking that Britain, France and Germany were Europe's Big Three". The two discussed this "misunderstanding" at the Noordwijk summit last

month. Signor Dini said yesterday that, while it was desirable to stick to the timetable, he had repeatedly argued that a year's delay "would help everybody. Events in France and Germany have proved me right," he said. But La Stampa said German and French difficulties should not be used to delay social spending cuts in

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seats in the 577-member Nat-

ional Assembly, but the So-

cialists and their non-Communist allies fell short of

winning an absolute majority.

leaving the Communist Party

- with 38 seats - holding the

Bowing to an election result

that has left him critically

weakened, M Chirac accepted

the resignation of the centre-

right Prime Minister, Alain

Juppė. M Jospin was sum-

moned to the Elysée Palace

two hours later and asked to

form a new government. The

formal handover of power

takes place this morning. M

Jospin said yesterday that he

would assemble his ministeri-

al team in the next few days.

Jacques Delors, the Socialist

former President of the Euro-

pean Commission, indicated

he would act as a senior

M Jospin said that his brief

meeting with M Chirac had

been "excellent", but signs

were immediately apparent

that the "cohabitation" between the humiliated conser-

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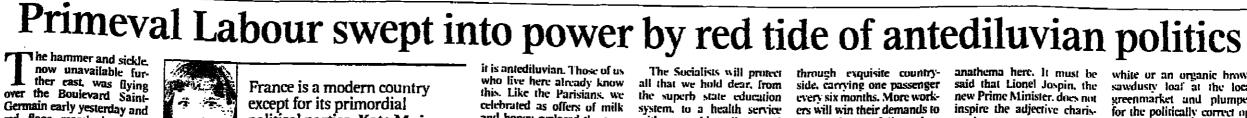
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election pie charts, most observers considered France a modern country where you could buy small electronic gadgets, wine futures and Renault Twingos, But although it is socially and culturally modern, politically,

political parties, Kate Muir

writes from Paris

it is antediluvian. Those of us who live here already know this. Like the Parisians, we celebrated as offers of milk and honey replaced the auxterity measures promised by the Right. We hummed along to the Communist youth anthem. La jeune garde, as we arrived at work. We toasted the new or, more like, ancien regime. As foreigners, we can luxuriate for a few years, cradled by one of the most lavish welfare states in the world, and then leave long

The Socialists will protect all that we hold dear, from the superb state education system, to a health service without waiting lists, and public transport symbolised by the marvellous TGV.

ut they will also pro-B tect all that we hold rather excessive: thalassotherapy (warm seawater spas), shiatsu massage and haute cuisine free on the

Small trains will still run single gauge tracks

through exquisite countryside, carrying one passenger every six months. More workers will win their demands to retire at 50 on a full pension. as shortening the working week is another Primeval Labour promise. Passengers will continue to avoid booking on Air France, which will remain in the (financial) red

and strike regularly. How the Socialists will finance their promises is most unclear. An election slogan such as, "It's the economy, stupid", would be anathema here. It must be said that Lionel Jospin, the new Prime Minister, does not inspire the adjective charis-

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n election night the television stations desperately tried to make biographical films. These were endless shots of people politely clapping as M Jospin rose, Major-like in a grey suit and grey hair, to give dreary speeches. The most exciting clip of his life was when he dithered over a sawdusty loaf at the local greenmarket and plumped for the politically correct op-

Clearly a spin doctor, or perhaps his wife, told him to change his thick brownframed spectacles for seethrough frames, a move which has rendered him almost invisible.

Even fervent Socialist supporters are short on fascinating Jospin moments: "Er." said one hopefully, "he was a boy scout."

Jospin takes reins with hand tied behind back

PRESIDENT CHIRAC yes-**POLL TALLY** terday named Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party leader, as

prepared to join a left-wing administration in principle but was awaiting firm policy commitments from M Jospin. The Communists, who have been campaigning vigorously against the single currency, have called for swift action on pay, job-creation schemes and an immediate reduction in the working week. "We are working to get certain undertakings from the Socialists," Robert Hue, the party leader, said.

M Chirac's failed election gamble and the difficulties being experienced by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. have led some French observers to predict a radical alteration in Europe's power configuration. Has their time passed?" Le Monde newspaper wondered yesterday. Time will tell whether a Blair-Jospin partnership is taking the place, in Europe, of the Kohl-Chirac partnership."

Not only has the balance of power within France, and perhaps Europe, been radically altered by the Left's crush-

THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY

ing victory, which cut the Centre Right's huge former majority by almost half, but the character of the French parliament has been transformed as well. The Socialist triumph has doubled the number of women MPs — to 62. Just 5 per cent of seats in the last parliament were held by women, the lowest representation in Europe. M Jospin has pledged to appoint women to

As the rest of Europe pondered the fate of economic and monetary union in the wake of the elections, the Socialists repeated their conditions for joining a single currency — including no further austerity measures and the participation of Spain and Italy from the outset. Seven of the outgoing

senior ministerial posts.

centre-right Cabinet lost their seats in Sunday night's massacre, including Jacques Toubon, the former Justice Minister, whose fall might best be compared to that of Michael Portillo in Britain.

A stong sense of dėja vu from the British election was also apparent yesterday as senior figures within the devastated centre-right coalition began jockeying for leadership and blaming each other for the disaster.

Valery Giscard d'Estaing. the former President, stating the obvious forcefully, said the President's decision to call an election had been "imprudent". Edouard Balladur, M. Chirac's erstwhile presidential rival, called for a complete review of the Centre Right's political organisation.

Philippe Seguin, the Gaull-Eurosceptic who emerged the last-ditch figure-head for the Centre Right, vowed to fight "for a return to power with all those who share the same conception of France".

In perhaps the most worrying post-election development for the beaten coalition. Bruno Mégret, the deputy leader of the National Front, called for an alliance between his extreme-right party and whatever emerged from what he called the "smouldering ruins" of the Centre Right.

The Front won nearly 15 per cent of the first-round vote and some on the right wing of the shattered coalition may be tempted to take up M Megret's suggestion, so splitting the Centre Right.

The xenophobic gained just one seat in parliament, its first since 1988, but it played a crucial spoiling role in the election's outcome by running candidates in the second round in 76 constituencies, 47 of which were won by



Lionel Jospin, the new Prime Minister, leaves the Elysée Palace yesterday after meeting President Chirac

lound muscle, declaring it was Marriage of inconvenience for Socialists

Paris: Lionel Jospin needs the skills of an experienced polygamist in the coming months as he plunges into "cohabition" with not just one partner but several, all making different demands on his powers

and wallet (Ben Macintyre writes). M Jospin must share power across the political spectrum: on his right he will be trying to work with a conservative President, Jacques Chirac, who will do everything he can to exert his authority

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and prove he is not a lame duck; on his left are the Greens and, more importantly, the Communists, holding the balance of power and already setting out the terms of their pre-nuptial contract with the Socialist-led Government.

Despite the shattering failure of his election gambit, the President still wields enormous powers and is expected to focus on foreign policy. M Jospin's Government will broadly steer domestic

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and economic policy. But the potential for conflict is enormous. M Jospin will recommend ministers, but M Chirac can reject them and he can make his Prime Minister's life still harder by slowing down legislation. In extremis, the President can demand a referendum on stalemated policies and, if the entire system goes into paralysis. M Chirac can invoke the constitution and call another election after a year.

Left-wing allies head for early ideological clash

LIONEL JOSPIN is likely to find himself locked in a power struggle with Robert Hue, the Communist leader, as he attempts to establish the policy of his Socialist-led Cabinet.

M Jospin cannot govern without Communist support but will want to distance himself from M Hue's hardleft economic policies. The Socialist leader moved away from the Communists during the election campaign as he softened his programme to appeal to the Centre. He modified policy in the follow-

ing areas:

☐ M Jospin he said he would only join the single currency if Italy and Spain participated as well; if a European "economic government" was created; and if the Maastricht criteria were "interpreted" rather than respected. Now he says these are only the starting points for a discussion on economic and monetary

Hue: will press for a radical programme

COMMUNISTS

union, and insists he will replace the franc by the euro. half in the public sector. Today, he says this will be achieved progressively.

A commitment to raise salaries and reduce the working week from 39 to 35 hours has been transformed into a proposal to talk about these measures at a "national employment conference".

M Jospin says he will bring down the VAT rate of 20.6 per cent on some essentials, maintain income tax at current levels and raise the wealth tax. He says he will not increase payroll taxes or public spending. But M Jospin will also order the sort of "audit" on public finances that previous governments have used to escape from manifesto commitments.

☐ The Socialists have promised to halt France's privatisaprogramme. Privately, they hint that some sell-offs may go ahead.

M Hue, whose deputies enjoy a pivotal role in the National Assembly, will press the Socialists to implement radical policies. The Communists gave a taste of a powerstruggle ahead yesterday when they said they would only accept Cabinet posts if M Jospin increased the minimum wage, reduced taxes for the low paid and raised the

M Hue, opposed to Maastricht, will also put pressure on the Government to turn its back on austerity necessary

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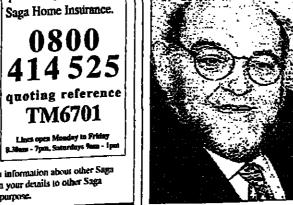
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Laid low by an energy crisis

that one in five schoolchildren suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome, the debilitating illness formerly known as ME. For 18 desperate months, Candida Scott-Knight was told she had this incurable condition. Then, six months ago, she learnt that

A report published last week claimed

she had something quite different, an illness that could be effectively controlled with the right treatment

n January 1995 I was posted to New York to work for the BBC. A few days after my arrival 1 still couldn't seem to shake off my jet lag and I was suffering from dizzy spells. I visited the BBC's doctor who found nothing wrong with me and sent me home. A week later I went again and this time I was diagnosed with labyrinthitis. an intection of the inner ear. I was put on a course of steroids and told that two days later 1 would be better. The days came and went but I still had sore throats, migraines, aching limbs and flu-like symptoms. Again I went to see a doctor, who informed me that I had a bad case of the flu.

I knew this wasn't just flu. I'd been ill for nearly three weeks. I decided it was time to get specialist help. I went to see an ophthalmologist, an ear, nose

'I was and throat specialist and a neurologist. I went for a CAT scan — a scared, I scary experience didn't for which the nurse gave me two shots know of Valium to calm me down. After the what was scan the doctors let me walk out onto wrong' the streets of New York, where I floated down the pave-

ment for ten minutes, before 1 realised I was walking in the wrong direction.

I was scared. I had no idea what was wrong with me. I was frightened by doctors into thinking that I might have multiple sclerosis, a brain rumour or a life-threatening disease. A girlfriend in London suggested that I might have "chronic fatigue syndrome" (CFS) and sent me some cuttings. I read them with dread, realising that I had the same symptoms, and decided that this was what I had. I went to see a CFS specialist who agreed and suggested a mix of daily jabs.

At this point, I decided it was time to go home. Before I left I telephoned an American help group. The founder, a sufferer of 18 years, told me that I would probably never

get better. With this helpful advice, I flew back to England, went immediately to see my local

GP and waited for him to tell me that I didn't have chronic fatigue. The first advice he gave was: "Go to bed for six months." I laughed and then cried before replying that I would seek help from a homoeopath, or a Chinese doctor, to which he quipped: Don't do that, they'll poison

With that I turned to alternative therapy. I tried everything. Chinese doctors, bodycentered therapists, massage. homoeopaths, reflexologists, dairy-free diets, wheat-free diets - one doctor thought I had a candida infection. I tried spiritual healers, bio-energy healers, experts in shiatsu and acupuncture. I went to see a professor at one of the top London hospitals. I even went to see a psychiatrist, to shut up the people who were con-

vinced that my illness was psychosomatic.

Astonishingly, ev-ery one of them assured me that they could get me better - and every one of them failed. I gave up red meat. caffeine, sugar, alcohol. cigarettes and all processed food, I replaced PG Tips with twig tea. I ate organic fruit

and vegetables, and switched from white pasta to brown. I even tried a daily cocktail of egg whites, wheatgerm and aloe vera, Madonna's elixir of life. I was healthier than most of my friends - except I was

ix months turned into a year, and a year into months. I cried most days, not knowing if I would ever get back to my vibrant, noisy, former self. Some days I failed to get up. One day I couldn't put on my dressing gown, it felt too heavy. My boyfriend often had to carry me up the stairs. When I slowly walked to the shops I looked like an old lady, and would have to rest halfway. I had no energy. My worst dread became watching the seasons change on the tree outside my sitting room window. From blossom to green leaves to orange to no leaves to snow to sun to blossom again.



Candida Scott-Knight lost 18 months of normal life until yet another doctor finally tracked down the cause of her acute lethargy to a malfunction of the thyroid gland

My family were incredibly supportive, as was my boyfriend. Some friends were not so understanding. Some even suggested that I was "just lazy". I hated myself. I felt like a burden. All that I could do was wait, or join a help group. It seems that there is nothing illness. A friend put me in touch with a friend who'd had CFS for four years and hadn't been able to get out of bed for six months.

After a while. I became depressed and frustrated. I had no idea when I might become well again, I was 24, in my youth, wasting years and behaving like a 90-year-old. I couldn't even read a broadsheet newspaper. I resorted to looking at the pictures in The Sun. I believe I can now understand why people commit suicide. To be depressed is

truly to be without hope. Then, in September last year, 30 doctors and alternative therapists later. I went to see a private doctor recommended to me by a friend. Dr David O'Connell took a blood test, examined me and looked at my mountain of paperwork. He told me in his charming Irish accent that I would be better by Easter 1998. I didn't believe him, but six months later, I do.

I have a disease called hypothyroidism. I don't produce enough thyroxine, a hormone that is normally produced by the thyroid gland. It takes about six months for thyroxine to get into your system properly and a bit of trial and error to find the correct dose. In the past two weeks, I have begun to feel much more like my old self. As Sir Richard Bayliss, a consul-

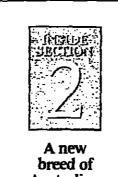
tant endocrinologist who specialises in problems of the thyroid gland, states: "This is not a disease that gets better between teatime and dinner." Dr O'Connell looked for three specific physical signs to confirm that I had hypothy-

roidism, which I will have for the rest of my life. These are: cold, sweaty extremities, puffiness around the eyes and an abnormality in ankle reflexes. Dr O'Connell says that "a large number of people who have been diagnosed with CFS in fact have hypothyroidism", adding that he has treated many patients "who have had years of misery thinking they have had chronic fatigue, when in fact they have had this

My thyroxine levels were tested several times before my first appointment with my new doctor, but, each time the results showed that my levels of the hormone were normal. The results of the blood tests

taken by Dr O'Connell showed that levels of another hormone, thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), were elevated, proving that I had undoubted hypothyroidism, even though my thyroxine had been within the normal range. One of the jobs of the

thyroid gland is to control the body's metabolic rate. If you



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have a low metabolic rate you put on weight and your body slows down, which is why you feel tired. Nobody really knows why the thyroid gland should suddenly stop functioning properly. One theory is that the antibodies get confused and start to attack the Hashimoto's thyroiditis. The other is that it simply wears out, which is why older women are prone to this

condition. Thyroxine is rich in iodine, a mineral essential for health. In the past, it was often found that people who lived far from the sea (a good source of iodine) and ate locally produced food suffered from iodine deficiency, and hence, from hypothyroidism. It is a condition that presents many different symptoms, which means it is hard to distinguish it from other illnesses. The migraines, lethargy, lack of concentration, intolerance to bright lights and cold. sleepless nights, aching muscles, fainting spells, a flu-like feeling behind the eyes, cold clammy hands and feet, and weight gain are all very simi-

t seems that even if you have the best doctors, thyroid problems are infamously difficult to diagnose. Boris Yeltsin's heart disease may not be, as is sometimes suggested, the result of too much vodka. but of having been deprived for many years of an adequately functioning thyroid gland.

I am not suggesting that everybody who has chronic fatigue has hypothyroidism. But, as I see it. CFS is a huge melting pot for many different

illnesses that cannot yet be explained. It is a convenient label for doctors who find it hard to understand why people suddenly get ill for no obvious reason.

My advice to anybody who is unfortunate enough to have chronic fatigue diagnosed is to treat it with scepticism, keep checking and try every pos-

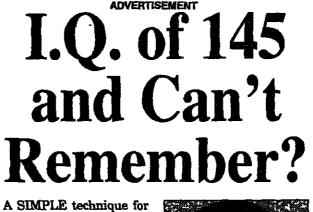
When I was really ill, I didn't realise quite how ill I was. It is only now that I look in short, don't give up.

back on the past two years and four months, that I see how unwell I was. I can't mind that I was robbed of this time. I can only look forward and enjoy life again. Three months ago I wouldn't have had the energy to write this article. Now, I'm about to start full-time work again and I am planning to do a film course in New York at the end of the year. I can only hope that my particular experience will offer hope to others. lrean

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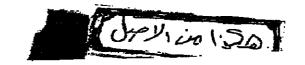


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Tony Goring and Ian Thomas in their London pub. the Townhouse, SEI. They dreamt of a new life as rural landlords but found a distinctly mixed welcome in the Cotswolds

Dream that turned bitter

Tony Goring, 37, and lan Thomas, 40, had been BA stewards for 13 and ten years respectively when they decided to pursue their dream of running a pub in the Cotswolds. Tony tells their story:

here was no specific thing that made us decide to move to the country, but when we looked around us, BA seemed to be full of people with great ideas who were still stuck there pushing trolleys. We had both reached an age where, if we didn't do something, we might be stewards at 60.

I had also grown tired of all the American jargon that seemed to be taking over. We would go into the office and on training courses, and people be talking about "putting things on back burners" and similar nonsense. I thought, "Does no one here speak English any more?"

Having decided to do our own thing, we also wanted to get out of London with all its traffic and hubbub. "Wouldn't it be nice..." we thought. We had an old English sheepdog and we imagined taking it out for walks in the countryside.

Having looked at various pubs, we heard about The Corner Cupboard Inn in a village called Winchcombe. It seemed perfect: a 500-year-old building with original fireplaces, in a beautiful village on the outskirts of Cheltenham in

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Running a country pub is a popular downshifting fantasy, but the reality can prove far from idyllic. Grace Bradberry reports



The Corner Cupboard Inn, Winchcombe, proved far from the tourist trail. Putting on live music led to complaints

Soon the

complaints

started.

We found

Gloucestershire, it was nice it really was - and we thought it would be a tourist trap.

We soon found that not many tourists came through at all. That meant we definitely had a problem. If we'd had a fortune in the bank account. we could have ignored the takings and kept the place as it was, not making much money. But we had to think about the practicalities, which meant coming up with events that would draw people into the

There was a council estate in the village and its residents had very little to do in the evenings. We hired a singer for one night a week and put

on karaoke nights and parties. They loved it. We were invited to their weddings.

knew them all. We discovered quickly. very though, that there was another group of people who wanted the pub and the village kept the way it was damned quiet. It

was the sort of place where, if you played the car radio, you would hear it all over the village. A lot of people had bought places in Winchcombe so they could come down for

they, in particular, hated any noise. We were in a quandary. To pack the pub we needed to create an atmosphere, which meant music. Even

without the music. notes under you could walk up the road and know the door' the place was full just from the sound of voices and the laughter. We would have put in double-glazing but it was a Grade II listed building, so we

couldn't. The complaints soon started. We would find notes

people would come in, or the regulars would tell us that so-and-so had been very angry. At first 1 thought "why on earth live near a pub if you don't like noise?" I even said to one or two people that I offered my apologies, but that they must accept that although the pub had been quiet before. now it was busy, and I could

whingeing was constant. The police were called a couple of times, arriving once when we had a steel band playing in the garden. It was

hardly ask people to talk more softly. Their response was simply to say: "I expect your pub to be quiet." The

wonderful, with all the children limbo-dancing and everyone else dancing, too. The police asked "Has the music been any louder than this?" We said it hadn't - you can't turn up the volume of a steel drum. They were very understanding and said they couldn't understand what the fuss was about.

On New Year's Eve the police arrived when we were sitting around in our dressing gowns, picking up the rem-nants of sandwiches from the floor. They were gobsmacked — they had been told we were partying all night.

Te lasted for 13 months before deciding we would have to move. I was never under the impression that it would be a bed of roses, but we thought that with work we would be able to turn the place around. We succeeded — but there came a point where we had taken the business as far as it could go, and there was no solution to the noise problem.

The company that owned the pub offered others in the area, but we looked around and found one in The Borough, south London. It was in a terrible state with hardly any customers but the brewery was going to refurbish it, so we knew it had potential. We also knew we could make it lively without fear of complaints

from local people. At our leaving party, a lot of the Winchcombe regulars were in tears. They knew why we were going and some of them were very angry about it. They said it was the first time the pub had been full of life. But we had just had enough of battling with people who wanted a quiet life.

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When sex is overexposed



Magnus Linklater explains why the sexual revolution leaves him a little hot under the collar

HAVE always lagged a step or two hehind the sexual revolution. Recently, however, the gap seems to have widened. I've dropped so far behind that I expect to be lapped any moment now by some sexual athlete coming round for the second time.

It was brought home to me when I booked two tickets to hear Naomi Wolf talking about her new book, Promiscuities. It would, I thought, be a stimulating, even an educational, experience. My daughter and I went along together. both of us, I thought, adult. responsible human beings. capable of taking on grownup subjects such as sexual orientation, the human body and erogenous zones. Within a few minutes, however, I was beginning to wonder whether either of us was grown-up enough.

The programme notes carried the telltale phrase "for adult audiences" - always a

giveaway — and, apart from me, there were only four men in the audience. The thought dawned that this might not be suitable material for normal buttoned-up, middle-class

Wolf's Ms theme women and sexual desire. Her main point was that if women are

to lead healthier, better adjusted emotional lives, they need greater frankness when it comes to discussing their bodies, their intimate experiences and the physiology of the male sex. This she proceeded to do in some detail, beginning with a graphic account of the conversations she and her girlfriends used to have about men; more specifically, she recalled their teenage discussions about aspects of the male anatomy and its various functions, as well as a kind of beginner's guide to ysical parts that most public talks rarely reach. She then went on to lament the ignorance of men when it comes to certain aspects of female biology. Specifically, she talked at some length about the clitoris.

laxed, engaging and full of humour, though I sensed that some of the laughter was a little too hearty. But my reaction was one of deep embarrassment. I felt a ridiculous blush rising until my face had become a bright shade of mulberry: the sweat stood out on my forehead, and my shirt collar, which that morning had seemed to fit quite well, was uncomfortably tight. It was a bedroom discussion made public, and while I could have sauntered out, it meant pushing past a row of women, who would doubtless have muttered: "I wonder what his problem is?" Part of my discomfort may have been

It was all remarkably re-

caused by listening in the company of my daughter, but she, too, found the whole affair disconcerting, if not disturbing.

The reason, I think was that Ms Wolf assumed not just understanding, but complicity on the part of her audience. All women, she implied, had been through similar experiences: it was only society's repressive ani-tudes that had prevented them from acquiring a healthy openness about their inclinations. If we could talk about it freely and honestly, we would all be better adjusted, more mature and, above all, good in bed.

Someone like myself, whose sexual education was mainly acquired in the fevered surroundings of a public school changing room, is hardly the best person to challenge Ms Wolf's view. But I think her argument is wrong, if not damaging. It presumes that

all women share a common attithat they develop in similar ways. It presumes that they would relish the opportunity to talk more openly about their private lives but that they are held back only by a ety. It presumes that the complexities of human nature can be

simply resolved. It presumes too much. Sexual maturity comes in a wide variety of ways, at different ages and with different effects.

Frank: Naomi Wolf

For some people, the progression may be as easy and as natural as Ms Wolf would like it to be. For them, the openness she advocates is already instinctive. They would join in her relaxed badinage with relish. For others, growing up is more complex. The genetic pattern they have been handed, the pressures of family, the social environment in which they make that uneasy progress from childhood to adolescence, all these may create personal barriers that even their friends can only guess at. The open exchange of sexual secrets too early may be not only painful, but threatening. The assumption that everyone else is sexually liberated and that only they are misfits, imprisoned by inhibitions, may increase their sense of inadequacy. They may need help - but not that kind.

There is nothing wrong in arriving late at sexual adulthood. There is nothing wrong in preferring reticence to exposure, or working out one's own private route to maturity. But there is everything wrong with as-suming that we are all ready to join in a sexual free-for-all and that we would all be the



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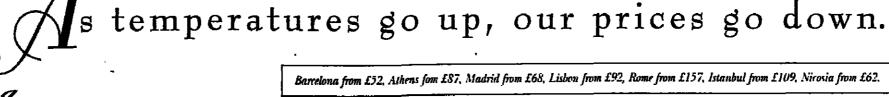
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Euro-rascals pay the price of mendacity

Anatole Kaletsky asks: will

Kohl's day of reckoning be next?

emocracy is not about electing good govern-ments. It is about getting rid of governments that are incompetent, corrupt or oppressive. That is why Churchill described democracy as the worst political system imaginable, except for all the others. It is why French voters have just elected a left-wing Government with totally incoherent policies and uncharismatic leadership in an electoral turnaround that exceeded even that achieved by

Tony Blair. The people of France did not suddenly fall in love with the same Socialists whom they crushed to a political rump in the general election four years ago, when the combined forces of the Left were reduced to just 87 out of the 577 seats in the National Assembly.

After the contempt shown by the voters for the Socialists four years ago, and the ab-sence of any Blair-like reconstruction of the Socialist Party in the intervening period, it is tempting to explain the French election result simply as a childish Gallic tantrum. Tempting, but wrong.

What the French did on Sunday was very similar to what British voters did a

month before, and what the French did to the Socialists All over themsleves four Europe, vears ago they threw out a Governthere is a ment that had proved ineffective. search for a arrogant and dishonest, in favour of new way an alternative

which may or may not prove better, but could hardly be worse. The way political events are now moving in Germany, the next of these democratic revolutions could dethrone the uncrowned Emperor of Europe, Helmut

The obvious question raised by all this political turmoil is why governments all over Europe have suddenly become so unpopular. One possible answer - favoured by incumbent politicians everywhere is that the end of the Cold War has made voters impatient of all governments. When there are no deep ideological divisions, and leftist oppositions are unthreatening, governments can be thrown out for seemingly trivial transgressions which would hardly have merited attention in the days when politics was a battle of Big Ideas.

The end of ideology probably does explain some of the new-found volatility in Western politics, but it still begs the question of why governments seem to have become so incompetent, arrogant and dishonest all at the same time.

The most persuasive explanation is Europe itself. The political elites obsession with monetary union has not merely given voters the impression that their rulers are living in another world, far removed from the everyday concerns of ordinary people — a selfabsorbed detachment which. ironically, may have done as much damage to the Eurosceptical British Tories as to the federalist French and German Right. The EMU project has also encouraged the leaders of Europe to break their electoral promises, and to preach arrogantly (and falsely) to their voters.

Above all, the EMU process has forced governments to pursue policies detrimental to the interests of their economies, while pretending that these were for the national good. It is not surprising that governments which claim to be pursuing pan-European programmes for economic stability, prosperity and employment are deemed incompetent when their policies produce exactly the opposite results. In the British context it is

worth recalling what people found most incomprehensible and ultimately unforgivable about the economic policies of John Major: the shocking contradiction between the Prime Mininster's dire warnings about what would happen if Britain ever broke the monetary bonds with Europe and the benign results of being ejected from the

exchange-rate mechanism. Of course, every government in Europe tells its people that the tough economic decisions being taken in the name of the single currency are for their country's good. But this is exactly their biggest mistake. It is true that France and

Germany could benefit from reforming their pensions and labour markets, streamlining bureaucracies and privatising state-run industries. But all this needs to be explained and justified in the German

or French national context and not as the "price" of keeping some ill-starred "rendezvous with Europe" which most of the voters would far rather avoid. The German people may have been willing to tolerate some sacrifice to unify their nation, but the Kohl-Mitterrand-Chirac ideal of "unifying Europe" is one for which the voters do not give a tinker's cuss.

To make matters far worse. there is more than rhetoric and psychology in the contradiction between the "price of Europe" demanded by the politicians and the national economic interests their voters perceive. The fact is that the EMU programme, at least as conceived in the Maastricht treaty, has made it infinitely more painful to undertake the reforms in social and econompolicies which France,

Germany and the rest need. By forcing European nations to deflate their economies with high taxes and overvalued exchange rates, the Maastricht conditions have undermined hopes that more competitive markets and lower public spending would create prosperity and jobs. On the contrary, the more France and Germany have reformed their labour markets, the more they have found tight money and high taxes destroying

It is hardly surprising, then, that people all over Europe are looking for new directions. The rational first step in seeking a new direction is to look at the people who were responsible for the old direction — and throw the rascals



Keep the Isle Emerald

n this dizzying season of gener-al elections, it is Ireland's turn next. The trouble with Irish general elections is that comment on this side of the water invariably turns to the question of how it will affect the peace process to the north of them. But Ireland's leaders will have more domestic matters on their minds: welfare, tax policies, the management of rapid social change and the balance between profit and environment.

Some of those Irish dilemmas should be particularly interesting to Britain, because in many senses Ireland stands now where we stood at the dawn of the 1960s. There is a great expansion, a new confidence, an explosion of building and of consumer spending-power. Dublin and Cork are becoming attractively fashionable places for the young and bold of Europe: inward investment booms. This is not the ancient, picturesque victim land, poor, keening primitive old Mother Ireland: this is the Celtic Tiger, as they say (though generally, because it is, after all, still Ireland, they say it with a grimace of self-

mockery). Everything is changing, as it did for us decades earlier. Women are flocking out to work, the birthrate falling, religion and traditional morality struggling. The drug problem is growing. Family values are changing, and a gap widening between the generations. Listen to any Irish local radio phone-in and you will eventually hear a tone of scornful bewilderment about modern Irish youth: the voice of a generation that still walked barefoot to school through the fields, said its prayers, are potato dinners and frankly can't believe how easy young people have it now, and how

much they nonetheless complain. Moreover, the same pressures are growing on the rural far west of Ireland that Cornwall and Devon felt in the decades after the war. Here we have a population newly leisured, besotted with cars and new building. and rather careless about planning because, what the hell, the money will be handy, the builders need the work, and there is a lot of rocky wilderness out there still. There can be few places where it is so beautiful and wild and yet so easy to achieve planning permission for a repulsive skein of misshapen holiday cottages or a vainglorious private haciendastyle rancho-bungalow on a head-

Our family has known one patch of

Irish voters have a rare opportunity to save their fragile rural wilderness

West Cork with a fair degree of intimacy since 1963, and seen it prosper. First there was Ireland's entry into the European Union, and the undreamt-of munificence of the common agricultural policy (farmers' cars got newer, and in the big kitchens the hard old wooden settles were replaced by less picturesque sofas, easier on the back). Then there was rising tourism, although the advent of the Troubles gave that a knock, and still deters the timid, especially Americans. Now we have this new growling and prancing of the Celtic Tiger as city wealth seeps outward; and rural

Ireland becomes every day more irresistibly attractive. both to Ireland's own people and to rich foreigners.

After all, what could be more intoxicatingly alluring than the smell of success and opti-

mism, mingled with the quirky friendliness of country people and the enduring peace of the wild Atlantic coast? Everybody who goes to Cork and Kerry - especially if the rain happens to hold off - develops 2 daydream about living there. Or, more likely, having a holiday house. Thousands do: it is greatly to Ireland's credit that despite her history of exploitation and starvation by us foreigners, there is little obvious resentment. Even when barbed wire appears in ancient and holy places, and signs blossom across mountain paths by the sea saying Private! Entritt Verboten, it is relatively unusual for the locals to come out by

night and throw the sign in the ocean. But now there is, in this election, a figurehead for more aggressive opposition to all this. Aine ni Chonaill. a schoolteacher from Clonakilty, is standing on an "Immigration Control Platform". Some of her beliefs grate: multiculturalism is "the greatest heresy of the century" and she says any foreigner or refugee "can just stay away". Despite the decades of EU help for ireland, and free outward movement of Irish youth seeking their fortunes, she appears outraged at the idea that any Europeans should reverse the trend. By and large, Miss ni Chonaill's "Ireland for the Irish only" flag will be hard for anybody with a sense of fairness to

But one part of her message should be noted by other parties in Ireland, and by all countries which contain a beautiful and fragile rural wilderness. It is not just New Age travellers living on Irish welfare who enrage her, but their opposite: wealthy British and Germans who buy property, push up house prices and obstruct the building of practical, cheap housing for local youth.

does it? It certainly will if you know a Comish fishing village whose heart is waterfront fishermen's cottages stand empty nine months of the year, their expensive

kitchen fittings and furniture unused, while the actual fishermen have to live on the council estate. It will ring bells if you are a newly married couple in Norfolk dossing with your parents because the cottages your ancestors built are all holiday homes, and retired incomers dominate local planning and refuse to let a housing associ ation build something you can afford. There are Bretons for whom it will all be very familiar, and Spaniards, and Highland Scots. There is nothing new in the problem of economic bullying of rural communities by visitors who love the look of the land but not the people on it. Nor about investors who see coastal regions purely as a tourist facility, not as traditional communities to be

protected. What is new is the intriguing possibility that in confident new Ireland, a policy might actually emerge which prevents West Cork and Kerry, Galway and Connemara from becoming as cluttered, bullied, resentful and socially unbalanced as other beautiful places have done. It is as if Cornwall had been a sovereign state able to say a firm "no" to undesirable development. British governments have never grasped this

particular nettle, and we have in consequence a great deal of wrecked coast and some grossly unfair rural

house ownership.

Ireland could take all sorts of interesting avoiding action. They could borrow a brilliant idea thrown up by our Labour Party in Opposition (and now apparently forgotten). This was simply that anyody buying a house which would not be fully inhabited all year would need planning permission for change of use. Weekenders could still buy cottages too small or remote for local families , but not roomy houses in the centre of villages, close to the school and the shop. Local democracy could decide.

r they could be even more cunning and force incomers to renovate old housing stock, by allowing holidaymakers to buy only derelict cottages, those sad, stone ruins which are everywhere in the West as a reminder of the Great Famine and the emigrant ships. Coupled with tight planning regulations, this could painlessly improve the housing situation, as after spending their money the holidaymakers might well get tired of the rain and move on. Come to think of it, Britain could still do much the same with genuinely redundant farm buildings; I am sick and tired of watching holiday homes go up while nice Victorian brick-andfile structures crumble because the owner has no use for them and the

planning committee is so obstructive about conversion. Or they could fund support for conservation and rural life by adapting the system of "social dividends" which local authorities here impose on big companies ("So build your supermarket, but put a parents' wing on the children's ward while you're at it"). On the same principle, buyers of strictly holiday properties could pay an extra dose of stamp duty; or agree to let the council rent their house all winter to locals for a quarter of the

usual rate. There are all sorts of sneaky ways in which governments, without xenophobic posturing, could prevent harm being done to the countryside and its people by fortunes made in the city. Whoever wins in Ireland should at least acknowledge that there is a problem, and that they have a chance to do better by their far west than we did. What they have - what we once had - is too precious to

Do Asian values hold water? Jonathan Mirsky

deconstructs a glib phrase beloved of Far Eastern despots

ne of the starkest indications that Hong Kong after the handover to China is not going to be the same good old colony merely under the Red Flag, is the regular invocation of "Chinese vaiues" by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive designated by Beijing to succeed the Governor, Chris Patten. He insists that Hong Kong's future administration and life must be

underpinned by Chinese values. Here is Mr Tung's list: "Trust, love and respect for our family and our elders; integrity, honesty, and loyalty to all; commitment to education; a belief in order and stability; a preference for consultation rather than confrontation." Sometimes he adds a preference for obligation rather than individual rights". Recently, he added "Asian" values to his list: "Hard work, respect for learning, honesty, openness to new ideas, accountability, self-discipline and self-reliance." Mr Tung sees "North American" values as "freedom of expression, personal freedom, selfreliance, individual rights, hard work, personal achievement, think-

ing for one's self".

Copying out these two lists I became confused. Each seemed to apply both to modern Asians and

Westerners all over this region. Mr Tung is not alone in his evocation of these values. Who are the other champions of "Asian values"? Largely, authoritarian rulers in Indonesia, Burma, China and Singapore. In Asia's democracies, from India to Taiwan, Japan and South

Korea, the phrase is used sparingly. The teason is obvious: those states which fear democracy insist — like Mr Tung — on the need to keep the lid on social disquiet by doing two things: they claim their peoples traditionally prefer order and consensus, and they point to the West's lack of moral fibre as a sign that there is no lid at all.

"Stability" is one of Mr Tung's watchwords, although no city in Asia is more placid than Hong Kong. But Mr Tung sees instability far beyond the colony's borders. "As a Chinese man," he says, he finds "intolerable" the notion of Tibetan, Muslim or Taiwanese independence. He is introducing laws for Hong Kong which will forbid advocating or even doing research on such independence. This

security* Some Westerners, too, claim that Asians are not interested in or fit for democracy. Money interests them, they say, and a quiet public life; foreigners who confront Asian leaders on human rights make things worse. Members of American and Western chambers of commerce in Hong Kong and Beijing rarely say a

public word about human rights. But as concepts worthy of serious discussion, Asian or Chinese values fall apart. In the West one may speak - very gingerly - of an amalgam of Greek, Roman, Christian and Jewish concepts. In Asia this is impossible. What binds together the notion of Indian caste with Japanese Shinto, animism in Borneo and New Guinea. or the dozens of cultures (and languages) in the Indonesian and Philippine archipelagos? Marriages, funerals, and eating habits — forks, chopsticks, hands - vary broadly. Within China itself, where is the thread from traditional Confucianism to classical Taoism and Buddhism, let alone Islam?

onsensus rather than confrontation? How about the ancient wars between Buddhist sects in Japan and Tiber? Indonesians killed hundreds of thousands of other indonesians in 1965, allegedly because they were "communists", but really because they were Chinese. Cambodians slaughtered on the same scale in the 1970s because their victims weren't communists. During the Cultural Revolution, in a society said to revere the old and the educated, the old and the educated were killed in large numbers and in Guangoi province even eaten. Family? Some of the great novels of Asia are about family discord.

All the same things can be said about the West. For every Thou Shalt Not" there is a violation. including religious wars, torture and killing, and the Holocaust.

Naturally all such "values", attributed to groups or peoples, have their negative or abusive side. Asians interested only in money? That explains their corruption. How many in Britain, where sleaze is a byword say when they read of an Asian offering a bribe: "What do you expect?" Westerners value individualism? That explains their immodest dress, public vulgarity, and concertration on political prisoners in Third World countries struggling to feed millions of their citizens.

I value distinctions. But not at the cost of "the other". That way lies "national security". The 4th-century BC Zuozhuan, one of China's basic philosophical texts, says "if he is not of our race, he is sure to have a different mind". Even in modern times the names of "non-Chinese" ethnic groups have been written with complicated characters which included the ideograph for an animal. The Chinese alone, the "real" Chinese, were identified with the simple twostroke character for human being.

Scot free

UP IN EDINBURGH, where Andrew Neil sits at the helm of the Barclay Brothers' newspaper interests as Editor-in-Chief, there have been lively developments at The

Scotsman. Lesley Riddoch, a senior editor, flounced out last week after one of her pieces was consigned to the dustbin. She is talking of suing for unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination.

The development has come as an embarrassment to the BBC, for Andrew Neil and Leslev Riddoch are both presenters of the corpora-



She's off: Lesley Riddoch

tion's late-night show The Midnight Hour. From the south of France, Neil

distanced himself from Riddoch's

departure. "You must speak to the

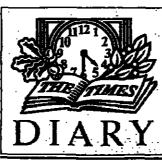
editor. It's nothing to do with me," he said. Martin Clarke, the Editor recently appointed by Neil, was digging in for a battle: "We do not accept in any way that she was unfairly dismissed." Riddoch, who edited the paper on International Women's Day,

calling it The Scotswoman, was unavailable yesterday. But she is said to blame Neil for the change in editorial policy that led to her She is not to be taken lightly,

either. When working on the show in Manchester earlier this year, "Big Les" chanced upon a drunken brawl in a back alley where a man was getting a pasting, curled up in agony on the ground. She sprang to his defence and within seconds. the miscreants were themselves howling with pain.

Zut alors

FOR HISTRIONICS, the French election provided better value than



our own poll on May Day. A public prosecutor is investigating a victorious Socialist candidate's complaint that she was roughed up by the National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, on Friday.

Anette Peulvast-Bergeal, who beat Le Pen's daughter Marie-Caroline, accuses Le Pen of having shoved her about, scratched her neck and bruised her while trying to grab the tricolore scarf she was wearing. Her doctor says the incident forced her to take three days off work.

A dedication

NEW Labour and classical music's strident traditionalists will come together in St Paul's Church. Covent Garden, on Friday at the world premiere of A Live Flame: in memoriam John Smith MP, a concert in honour of the man who might have been Prime Minister. The music is by Keith Burstein, an aggressively self-righteous, rather slushy composer who used to organise bands of hecklers to go about wrecking performances of modern atonal music, particularly anything by Sir Harrison Birtwistle.

Friday's concert will be attended by Smith's widow, Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, and all members of the Cabinet have been invited. Those wanting to stay in with new Labour's groovy friends in modern design, art and music would do



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■ The beaming visage of France's new Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in yesterday's papers could not have been more different from his gloomy appearance in the run-up to the poll. He was distraught that the press kept referring to him as 'honest Lionel" because he knew that the voters prefer their politicians to be streetwise.

Dear me

COMPARED with Margot Asquith, the impossibly vain second wife of the Liberal Prime Minister, Narcissus was a self-loathing wimp. Dorothy Parker said of her: "The affair between Margot Asquith and Margot Asquith will live as one of the prettiest love stories in all literature." Now one of her letters is going on sale at Phillips. In one she writes to her literary agent about the sale of her diaries: "In 100 years or less, they will be bought and read by everyone and go through hundreds of editions. I have never read anything quite like

She adds that she will sell them at a very high price. La belle dame would doubtless be horrified to learn that the letter is expected to fetch only £60.



Egotist: Margot Asquith

Alan Milburn, MP, the new Minister for Health, has been rapturously welcomed by his civil servants. In Opposition, Milburn had plagued the Department of Health with written questions. forcing hours of extra work on the bureaucrats. When he arrived in his new office, he was shown an enormous file marked "Milburn" and told: "We're so glad you're here. It means no more of your blasted questions."

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this is a choice between two evils. General Abacha is more concerned to teach upstart junior officers a lesson than to uphold the rule of law. At the Harare summit of the Organisation of African Unity, he has been telling fellow African leaders that Sierra Leone was in too much of a hurry to get back to elected government and thus brought the coup upon itself. The moral he draws is of course that Nigeria too is better off without

Nigeria's intervention could backfire. The

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BASTILLE DAY

THE TIMES

Europe will reap the whirlwind France has sown

Flush with the victory he never expected. Lionel Jospin yesterday claimed that the British and French elections "raise a magnificent hope in Europe". The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, picked up the tune, hailing Europe's "return to the roots of the great continental tradition, where the social state is transformed but cannot be swept away". A glance at Western Europe's political landscape would seem to justify their confidence that the post-1989 discomfiture of the European Left is now history. Of the 15 countries in the European Union, 13 are now governed by or with the Left. Only in Germany and Spain are the Socialists in Opposition and in both countries, public patience with fiscal austerity and massive unemployment is fraying.

On closer inspection, this vision of socialism triumphant evaporates. There is a world of difference between the reinvention of the Left which alone made Socialist parties electable in Britain, The Netherlands or, to some extent, Sweden, and the political phenomenon which has once more returned the Left to power in France. What has occurred is a sinister radicalisation of French politics. M Jospin will move into the Hotel Matignon today courtesy of two phenomena - the great surge of support for the only European Communist Party that has changed neither its name nor its doctrines, and which with 38 seats is already demanding its kilo of flesh; and the cynical manipulation of the vote by the extreme rightwing National Front, whose supporters in the urban working class engineered the Centre Right's defeat in 47 constituencies.

The singularity of the French election result does not end there. The voters were not even repudiating a Government wedded to free markets and private enterprise, because that was not what they had. Under the Juppé coalition. France was a tax-andspend state. Tony Blair has far more in common with Baroness Thatcher than he does with President Chirac, who has old Gaullism's fondness for the strong. paternalistic state. In the modernisation stakes, France was already a laggard before it took this giant lunge backward.

But although the French electoral catastrophe lies outside EU political norms, its pivotal position in the Union makes quarantine impossible. This round of cohabitation between President and Government will be war to the death and will create havoc in the Franco-German marriage. Helmut Kohl, whose decision to play fiscal poker with Germany's gold reserves may turn out to be as big a miscalculation as was M Chirac's electoral gamble, could be about to discover that for the first time he cannot force France back into the Maastricht straitjacket, M Chirac, who as President still wields considerable power, may be willing; but he cannot compel M Jospin to forget the Left's rash promises, persevere with belt-

tightening and face the resulting street riots. This completely changes the odds on EMU. The German Chancellor is dead set against any delay, not least because he has no intention of giving Germany's voters the chance to say what they really think about EMU. But Herr Kohl will be in severe domestic trouble if he even appears to meet M Jospin's demands for a kinder, gentler EMU including Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Because EMU for Herr Kohl is above all a political goal, he might risk that, as he did in 1990 when he defied the Bundesbank over German monetary union. The result could be the worst possible outcome for Europe, and Britain - EMU plus loose fiscal policies in France, Italy and other countries. The new European Central Bank could react, as the Bundesbank did in the early 1990s, by jacking up interest rates. Welcome to the next, protectionist, European Depression.

This underlines, however, that the fate of EMU still rests with Germany, not France and in Germany, public anger over Herr Kohl's Rhinegold follies is shaking the political terrain. Next week the Bundestag votes on the law that would force through the revaluation of the reserves. For the first time in Herr Kohl's career, the air is thick with mutiny. If defeated, Herr Kohl would find it difficult to refuse the early elections Germany's Socialists are demanding. Tony Blair's victory is beginning to look like the least exciting European event of 1997.

A QUESTION OF TRUST

Blair should treat his colleagues like adults

"Trust me" was Tony Blair's mantra during intends to continue to function on an election the election campaign. But trust is some- footing for a full five years. ming that the Prime Minister is not too keen to extend to his Cabinet colleagues. He has circulated a memorandum to them, setting down fierce rules of engagement with the media. Pretty well everything they say, write or do will have to be cleared first with Downing Street. In his own handwriting at the bottom, Mr Blair adds: "It is essential we act on this."

The new administration's obsession with control is understandable. It wants to lay two ghosts to rest: the ghost of Labour past. which was fractious and incompetent, and the ghost of Tory past, which for the last five years has been much the same. Mr Major's colleagues may have found his collegiate style a breath of fresh air, but it encouraged leaks, faction-fighting and departmental inertia. Today's Prime Minister seems

determined to avoid a repeat.

But the methods that he wants to use do seem overbearing. Ministers have been told that "it is not possible to start a debate by floating interesting ideas": all such ideas must first be cleared with No 10. Any newspaper article or media appearance must also be passed by Downing Street, which has already set itself up as a conduit even for articles by backbenchers. This is not so much efficient communication as compul-

sive centralisation. If this were merely an interim measure, to ensure that new ministers realised how much more effect their words have in Government than in Opposition, then it might be acceptable. But it looks as if Downing Street has become drunk with the success of its communication strategy during the election campaign - and that it

Co-ordinating policy announcements, si that one department does not steal another's thunder, is a sensible strategy for any administration. All ministers should understand that they are part of a larger team. Treating them, though, as if they are schoolchildren is another matter. The job of, say, Home Secretary is a serious one in its own right: the incumbent is not merely a servant of the Prime Minister. While Cabinet ministers should be expected to be loyal, both to their leader and to each other, they should not be subject to the humiliation of having to log all their lunches with Downing Street and to check with the Prime Minister's press secretary before they dare to cough.

The techniques of Opposition do not translate naturally to Government. Being a minister is as much about doing as saying. And much of the talking is deliberately intended to ignite public debate. "Kiteflying" is an old and honourable method of moving policy ideas into the public domain to test their strength before they are enacted or dropped. If the debate can take place only in Downing Street, then the Government will be working within an unhealthily

narrow frame of reference. Of course, the new edict may not work for long. It may even contain the seeds of its own demise. If ministers are treated like children, they will be tempted to behave like children: bickering, sneaking on each other, and trying not to get caught. Newspapers, meanwhile, are likely to become sullenly mutinous. When Bill Clinton tried this media manipulation, it backfired disastrously. The lesson for Mr Blair is to loosen up before he suffers the same fate.

BETWEEN TWO EVILS

Sometimes the world needs bad cops as well as good

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In Sierra Leone, the Armed Forces of Nigeria, of one of Africa's most appalling military regimes, are now fighting to put down an armed coup in the name of democracy. Nobody else wants the job, and it is in the interests of Sierra Leone's wretched citizens that the Nigerians succeed in restoring their elected President. But gratitude to Nigeria, of all countries, sticks in the world's gullet. Robin Cook's diplomacy of principle faces its first awkward test.

When Major Johnny Koromah was plotting his coup, he probably thought that the presence of Nigerian troops, part of a West African peacekeeping force for neighbouring Liberia, was irrelevant. He counted without the opportunism of General Sani Abacha, who saw an easy way to to claim

wealth Secretary-General, has given the Nigerians carte blanche by declaring that neighbouring countries are right to intervene to restore order in Sierra Leone. His concern is that a promising return to democracy - leaving one fewer problem for the Commonwealth to confront at its autumn summit — has been thwarted by a criminal conspiracy. There is no doubt that multi-party elections.

Sierra Leone coup leaders are rallying people to their side against the Nigerians and the token forces from Ghana and Guinea. The Revolutionary United Front, a vicious band of bandits that has terrorised the country for the past six years, is now posing as a patriotic force. Major Koromah appears to be no more than a front-man for the RUF. But if Nigeria fails, Sierra Leone, one of the world's poorest countries, would fall under gangster rule. Britain, America and France are telling the rebels that their coup cannot succeed. To reinforce that a weary message, they need Nigeria. That should not prevent them from insisting that sauce for the Sierra Leone goose goes equally well with the Nigerian gander.

Power of Blair's advisers at No 10

From Sir Brian Barder

Sir, Sue Cameron is shocked by the attendance of Labour Party officials, Jonathan Powell and Alasiair Campbell, alongside civil servants at Peter Mandelson's morning meetings and by their roles in No 10 (Mandelson and the new mandarins", May 30). She asserts that such "politicisation" will weaken our constitutional checks and halances, guaranteeing an impartial public service, and that any change in this area must have public consent, not be effected by stealth.

Was Ms Cameron equally alarmed by the roles in No 10 and more widely in Whitehall during Mrs Thatcher's regime of Charles Powell — who, like his brother Jonathan, had a Foreign and Commonwealth Office background, but who, unlike Jonathan. was not even the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, as Jonathan is to become; and of Bernard Ingham, who also had a public service background but who was surely no less politically and personally com-mitted to the Prime Minister than Alastair Campbell is likely to be, and who performed at least as political a

Even more pertinently, was Ms Cameron not at all troubled by the Thatcher and Major Governments' actions in destroying the structure and principles of a single, unified, permanent public service, independent of political influence, recruited and pro-moted by a publicly owned and controlled impartial process, with its salaries common to all departments on unified, published and transparent pay scales?

Not one of these essential guarantees of an impartial, independent public service was left intact by the Governments of the past 18 years, and their acts of destruction were certainly committed without the public consent rightly valued by Ms Cameron.

Some of these acts, such as the sale to commercial interests of the public service's recruitment and assessment agency, were pushed through in the teeth of declared opposition (including opposition from Conservative peers and MPs) from both Houses of Parliament, the media, and other elements of informed opinion.

Compared with this wholesale vandalism, the presence at Mr Mandelson's morning meetings of Jonathan Powell and Alastair Campbell looks like very small beer.

Yours sincerely, BRIAN BARDER (Home Civil Service, 1957-64; HM Diplomatic Service, 1965-94), 10 Melrose Road, SW18.

From Lord Donoughue

Sir, Your Whitehall Editor's statement ("Political make-up of Whitehall increases", report. June 2) that "the Downing Street policy unit is customarily staffed by a mix of career civil servants and political appointees, in roughly half-and-half balance" needs qualification.

When in March 1974 Prime Minister Harold Wilson asked me to establish a new policy unit in No 10, I deliberately composed it of outside policy experts. Between 1976 and 1979 I continued that approach under James

Callaghan.

We worked closely and constructively with regular civil servants in No 10 (who saw all our briefs and sometimes made shrewd suggestions for improving them), with those in the Cabinet Office and the rest of Whitehall. But it was my firm view at that time that the policy unit would contribute best to the then Prime Minister if its members shared his political dimension and priorities - and his electoral fate if together we got too much wrong. Its young members later progressed to distinction in several pro-

fessional fields. Two subsequent Prime Ministers have run the policy unit differently. That was right, since there is no single fixed mode of operation and the unit's one fixed purpose is to serve the objectives and style of the Prime Minister of

Tony Blair will find the balance of composition which suits him. In today's more inclusive and less partisan climate, he could beneficially choose more widely than was appropriate in the 1970s. But it is important that the policy unit remains distinct and never becomes just another cog in the Whitehall machine.

Mr Blair is certainly right to direct the unit to longer-term policy considerations. My unit was too often totally absorbed in the short-term crises of

BERNARD DONOUGHUE (Senior Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister and Head of the Policy Unit, 1974-79). House of Lords. June 2

Smokeless zone

From Mr Derek R. Poole

Sir, In taking political correctness to absurdity, should not only Brunel's cigar be removed from his portrait promoting the village of Nevland (report, May 20) but his stovepipe hat reduced in size and fitted with a solar panel?

Yours faithfully, DEREK R. POOLE, Down House, Far Green, Coaley, Gloucestershire. May 29.

Building new homes in countryside

From Mr Howard Rafael, RIBA

Sir, Since I last lived in England in the early 1960s the proponents of low density suburban living have won the battle against the urbanists. As a result England's housing industry is only able to build dwellings affordable to a private sector mass market by using countryside land.

Proposed developments such as Micheldever Station in Hampshire (report, May 28) use up greenfield land at the ratio of one acre for every four dwellings. At this rate about one million acres of countryside will become suburbanised to accommodate most of England's projected new households over the next 20 years.

New villages, towns and peripheral low density expansion plans focus primarily on une lifestage, the time spent raising a family. However, the housing spectrum should also accommodate childless young adults and older active empty nesters who could occupy 10 or more dwellings on an acre of land instead of just four.

England's politicians and planners believe it is wrong to encourage high density living. Until they are convinced that large numbers of childless adults of all ages would actually prefer to live in appropriately conceived high-rise environments located in existing urban areas (ideally integrated with mass transit systems and near high streets), both city and countryside will continue to decline.

England's few remaining high density urbanists of influence need to raise their sights and do battle once

Yours sincerely. H. RAFAEL 36 Maybury Court, Marylebone Street, Wi. May 29.

From Mr Malcolm Peel

Sir, Your report of the plan to build a new town at Micheldever Station throws into stark relief one of the most serious failings in transport policy of successive governments: the dichotomy between decision-making on transport and land use. In fact, the two are sides of the same coin.

The proposed new town would be. as you report, "on the Southampton-London (railway) line", with easy access to the M3. Thus, the traffic it generated could be handled by public transport and the existing road sys-

However, a development on the impose a new conflicting web of move-

frastructure and parking facilities throughout the area and beyond. Traffic congestion is increased be-cause of conflicts between new and existing flows. The arrival of a fresh Government

ment. Such flows inevitably increase

car dependency, thus requiring en-largement of and changes to road in-

and the uniting (for the second time) of the Departments of Transport and the Environment must provide a desperately needed opportunity to take full account of the crucial interactions between transport and land use. Michel-

dever Station may be, as you imply, a

Yours faithfully MALCOLM PEEL (Author, Making Tracks for the Future — Towards a National Transport Policy. British Institute of Management, 1992). 12 Lindsey Close. Woodnewton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

May 28.

Sir, Your reports on a new town at Micheldever Station paint a sorry

The direct effects of a project of this magnitude will be left not just over the intrinsic area of the site but for ten miles in each direction. The result would be the *de facto* joining up of Winchester with Basingstoke, any gaps being legitimately in-filled by subsequent speculators. Thus the ghastly ribbon-development of the early 1930s would be resuscitated: what a disgraceful start to the 21st

century. Where are the 10,000 or more occupants of this new town to work? Not anywhere close to their homes, since Micheldever is at the heart of prime farmland. Their work will lie in towns some distance away and that distance (countryside in this case) will become increasingly clogged with commuter traffic.

This whole retrograde venture is being pushed by a well-known company. It is to be hoped that the Secretaries of State for Heritage and the Environment will exercise their good sense to stop this shortsighted foolishness before the current machinations have gone too far.

Yours faithfully, HENRY LEACH, Wonston Lea,

May 29.

Unjust stigma of cowardice in war

From Sir Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, Sub-Lieutenant Edwin Dyett, whom you report as having been shot for cowardice when serving in the Royal Naval Division in Flanders in 1916 (May 28; leading article, same day) was, I believe, the model for Henry Penrose in The Secret Battle by A. P. Herbert, a fellow officer in that division. It is one of the most mov-

ing books I have ever read. Winston Churchill was so impressed by it that he wrote a foreword to a later edition, in which he called Penrose/Dyett a gallant soldier borne down by stresses incredible to those who have not endured them and caught in the steel teeth of the military machine". I have never forgotten the stark sentence with which A. P. H. ended his book: "That is the gist of it, that my friend Harry Penrose was shot for cowardice, and he was one of

overdue; and for all those others who succumbed to the incredible stresses they were obliged to endure.

Restitution for Edwin Dyett is long

the bravest men I ever knew."

Yours etc. LUDOVIC KENNEDY. Ashdown House. Avebury, Wiltshire. May 30.

Mortgage tax relief

From the President of the RICS

Sir, Contrary to the implication of your report (Business, May 27) there appears to be no difference of view between the Institute of Directors and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on phasing out mortgage

The RICS has been calling for the gradual phasing-out of mortgage tax relief for the last decade. The relief is a highly inefficient way of subsidising housing needs and we have long supported replacing both it and housing benefit with a new type of allowance available purely on the basis of need.

What we oppose is the removal of mortgage tax relief in one go, whether with immediate effect or from a future specified date. Such a move would sap confidence, destabilise the market and deal a disproportionate blow to homeowners in the North, where house prices are lower than elsewhere.

The record of sudden government interventions in the housing market has not been a happy one. We do not want to have a rerun of the 1988 debacle when dual mortgage tax relief was abolished, precipitating an unsustainable boom.

Yours faithfully. JEREMY BAYLISS, President, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. 12 Great George Street, SWI. May 28.

From Mr Derek A. Rose

Sir. In your leading article you say that it is not too late to do justice to all our war dead, including those who were executed for cowardice during the Great War. Many will agree, but perhaps this does not go far enough.

I understand that during the First World War approximately 3,000 men across all ranks were found guilty and sentenced to death for cowardice or other offences under fire, but that only just over 300 were in fact executed The criteria used to assess the guilt of all these men lacked the sophisticated medical understanding which we now enjoy. Those who were not executed were still found to be guilty, and they and their families carried the same stigma for the rest of their lives.

It is execution by firing squad which offends our conscience today, but it is the guilty verdict which is questionable and which we should challenge. Should we not be considering the cases of all men found guilty, and not

just the cases of those executed?

Yours sincerely. DEREK A. ROSE, 18 Lodge Court. Aldwick Grange Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Oxford business school

From Sir Crispin Tickell, Warden of Green College, Oxford

Sir, Today's announcement about the Oxford business school is excellent news. The proposed site, now an eyesore, should eventually become the place of a building which will adorn the university and city of Oxford alike.

Now that the proposals for the Said Business School Foundation have been published the concerns referred to in your report (May 30) can be seen to be unfounded.

There is no threat to academic freedom. The foundation will have no involvement in the academic direction or day-to-day management of the school. The foundation trustees as a whole (four appointed by Wafic Said, four by the university and two chosen from outside) will need to approve the appointment of a director.

The university will make a recommendation to the trustees, whose priority will be to ensure that a candidate has the international standing required to match the university's ambitions for the school.

Yours sincerely. CRISPIN TICKELL. Warden, Green College, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HG. May 30.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Trees to mark the next millennium

From Mr Nicholas Albery

Sir. Many children and adults living in cities are remarkably ignorant about trees. A suitable millennium project (letter, May 27) to counter this gnorance would be an "A to Z" avenue of the most common trees, in an urban park or on a site readily accessible from a city, with each tree in the alphabetical order of its common name (with variants going off sideways). Trees would be labelled with

their common and Lann names. Visitors would find it easier to identify and remember trees from knowing their position in the avenue - for instance, at the start would be acacia. alder, almond, apple and ash; and at the end walnut, wellingtonia, whitebeam, willow and vew. Depending on the space available, there could be between 35 (UK native trees) and 500 trees (including more exotic ones from

around the world). ideally, the avenue would lead to a striking building of some kind, like the pagoda avenue at Kew Gardens. and incorporate a cafe and a multi-

media tree study centre. Such a project would take many years to reach maturity, but would become a site that every school would want to visit.

Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS ALBERY. 20 Heber Road, NW2.

Renewable energy

From Viscount Tenby

Sir, As a crossbencher I asked an unstarred question (in effect a time-limited mini-debate) in February on the impact of wind farms on the rural environment. My purpose was neither to condemn nor to promote, but to discuss the long-term implications of such structures on landscapes of, more often than not, outstanding

In addition to myself and Earl Ferrers, then Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, there were 12 other speakers, and many more who would like to have made a contribution but were deterred by the time limit of one hour.

I am accordingly heartened by the varied correspondence in your columns (May 28) and hope the matter will continue to be aired on a regular basis. No responsible person would seek to query the importance of reenergy, but its contribution to our requirements and any impact it may have on the environment must be

carefully and impartially scrutinised. The new Government has already shown a welcome readiness to put in hand long-term reviews of major current concerns. May I suggest that the whole subject of renewable energy be

added to the list. Yours faithfully. TENBY. House of Lords.

May 29. From Mr T. R. H. Kimber

Sir. As Michael Hornsby's excellent report (May 20) clearly showed, wind power and the gesture politics which apported the subsidies it carried are on the point of collapse. The principal beneficiaries of those

subsidies have not been the taxpayers who paid for them. They have been our utility companies, landowners receiving rents for turbine sites, overseas turbine manufacturers and of course the wind farm operators. Efficient renewable energy is almost as desirable as improved energy

use. Whilst such aspirations are beyond reproach, wind power is not. Now is the time to pull the plug. Yours faithfully. TIM KIMBER.

Newton Hall. Nr Carnforth, Lancashire.

Supermarket trolleys From Mrs Marilyn Hayward

Sir, Today's leading article on supermarket trolleys [see also letter. May 29] is a little behind the times. There is no need to feel embarrassed about the paucity of one's purchases.

Both my local Waitrose and Tesco have smaller "in between" trolleys which wheel beautifully and are perfect for the single or dual shopper. The only time my husband and I need a large trolley is when we are stocking up on wine and sherry.

Yours sincerely. MARILYN HAYWARD, 8 Langham Way, Ely. Cambridgeshire. May 24.

Water off a duck's back

From Mr Mike Peacev

Sir, Mr Tony Fuller (letter, May 30) might be interested to note that ten plastic ducks' worth of aid to Ethiopia provides access for one person to one rap of untreated raw spring water in open country - a facility to be shared by at least 200 other people.

Whilst this represents real progress to many parts of the developing world. I'm sure it would not be viewed with the same optimism in Mr Fuller's native Chipping Norton.

Yours faithfully, M. J. PEACEY (Head of media and design). Wessex Water, Wessex House, Passage Street, Bristol. May 30.

York.

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Forthcoming

marriages

The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Browne, of

Welburn, York, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W.

Habbershaw, of North Cliffe,

Mr W.F. Browne and Miss K.F. Habbershaw



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 2: The Duke of Edinburgh. Honorary Fellow, the Zoological Society of London, this morning opened the new breeding facility for Asian elephants at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

(Mr Samuel Whitbread). His Royal Highness, Master, this evening attended the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3. June 2: The Duke of York, Elder Brother, this evening attended the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Mas-ter, will attend the annual court meeting, church service and lun-cheon at Trinity House, Tower Hill at 11.25. The Duke of York, Elder Brother, will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 7.45. Prince Edward, as International Trustee, will also attend the dinner.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception at the RAF Club at 6.30 to mark the club's 75th anniversary.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Signals, will visit the 14th Signal Regiment (Elec-tronic Warfare) at Cawdor Barracks, Haverlordwest, at 10.00. Princess Margaret will open the British Interior Design Exhibition. in aid of Queen Elizaheth's Foundation for Disabled People at I Cambridge Gate. Regent's Park

The Duke of Kent, as President. the Engineering Council, will open the new regional headquarters of Halliburton Brown and Rom. Hill Park, Springfield Drive, Leatherhead, at 11.45; and will open the Meadows Mental Health Unit, West Park Hospital, Epsom

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London The Lord Mayor of London was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yester-day at the Portman Hotel. Mr Bill Cowen, president, was in the chair.

Reception

African European Union Economic Forum Mr Julius Nyerere was the guest of

honour at a reception held last night at Equator House, Warwick Square, for representatives of organisations taking part in the London launch of the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation. Mr Roger Sibley, chairman of the Africa European Union Economic Forum, and trustees of the foundation received the guests.

Dinners

The Treasurer, Lord Justice Staughton, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple enter-tained the High Sheriffs of Eng-Inner Temple Hall last night. Institute of Materials

Professor Anthony Kelly. President of the Institute of Materials, was in the chair at the annual nor House. Among the guests were Sir Robert May, FRS. these things again. It is a tribute to Mr and Mrs Clarke."

Today's birthdays

BIRTHS

Dr E, Armstrong, secretary, BMA, 52: Mr P.J. Attenborough, pub-lisher, 61: Sir Robin Black, dip-lomat, 91: Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, BT. 53; Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, 77; the Earl of Cromer, 51: Mr Tony Curtis, actor, 72; Professor Richard D'Aeth, former President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 85: Mr Timothy David. diplomat, 50: Mr Vincent E. Davies, Indian civil servant, 94: Mr. Michael Elliott, MEP, 65; Mrs Sheila Faith, former MP and MEP, 69; Professor R.N. Franklin. Vice-Chancellor. City University, 62: General Sir Michael Gow, 73:

Air Marshal Sir John Harris, 59; Professor Michael Jaffé, former director. Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 74: Mrs Cynthia Lawrance, former Headmistress. Harrogate Ladies College, 64: Viscount Massereene and Ferrard.

Sir Harry Pitt, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor. Reading University. 83: Miss Anita Pollack, MEP, 51: M Alain Resnais, film director, 75: Sir Wilfred Thesiger, explorer and writer, 87: Miss Penelope Wilton. actress, 50; Cardinal Thomas Winning. Archbishop of Glasgow,

1920s house was left untouched for fifty years

Furniture, pictures, porcelain to be sold

By JOHN SHAW

A 1920s house that has been untouched since its owner died in 1947 closed its doors for the last time yesterday before a £200,000 auction of its interiors.

Hill Crest, Mount Pleasant, Norwich, was the home of William Henry Hyde Clarke, a wealthy local shoe manufacturer. He and his wife Rosina, keen collectors, built the house between 1914 and 1920 and filled it with period art and antiques. Mr Clarke, one of the longest-serving directors of Norwich City FC, died in 1947. His son Bill, who took over the

family business before it was sold to K Shoes, kept everything just as his parents created it. He died last year, aged 91, and now the collec-tion is being sold by Sotheby's. Furniture, pictures, porcelain and Art Deco figures, all arranged

in a series of distinctive period rooms, retain the distinctive at-mosphere of the 1920s. The most expensive things are likely to be two paintings by Sir Alfred Munnings, an artist with roots in East Anglia. Mendham Mill, Suf-folk, the painter's home, is likely to make about £50,000, and Under Canvas, a line of horses in a gypsy encampment from 1912, is expected to fetch £30,000.

There is also an extensive group of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and furniture by Waring and Gillow. The contents will be amalgamated with those of another house and sold at Brockhall, Northamptonshire, on June 16, Harry Dalmeny, of Sotheby's, said: This collection was a remarkable survival. Forty or fifty years ago it would have been dismissed as old-fashioned but

now we have learnt to appreciate



A painting by Sir Alfred Munnings leaves the house where it has hung since the 1920s

Linnean Society

The Linnean Society of London has made the following awards:
Linnean Gold Medal in Bulany: Dr Enrico S Coen. John Innes Centre. Norwich Linnean Gold Medal in Zoology: Dr Rasemary Helen Lowe-McConnell Bicentenary Medal for a biologist under 40: Dr David Gordon Reid, Natural History Museum. London Jili Smythies Prize for published butanical Illustration: Mrs Ceia Elizabeth Rosser

Elizabeth Rosser
H H Bloamer Award for an amaleur biologist: Mr John Richard Ironside Wood. Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Office frene Manton Prize for a Ph.D thesis in botany: Dr Colin Edward Hughes. University of Oxford

DAVIS - William Patrick (ex 7th Gurkha Rifles) aged 52 years suddenly on May 31st at home. Loving husband of Lin, father of Mark and Earle and dear friend to countless. Private cremation. Memodal Service to be announced. Family flowers only. Any donations to The British Heart Foundation clo S.C. & B.S. Cocks, 59 Husclecote Road, Gioucester GL3 3TL.

GASCORME - David Clive aged 57, suddenly but percentilly at home on Friday 30th May. Dearly loved husband of Deitdre, adored and devoted father of Dominic, Nichola and Toby and loving grandfather of Eva and Beatrice. Fueral Monday 9th June 2.30 pm at St. Peter's, Brown Candover. Family flowers only. Enquiries to June 30th, tel. (01962) 844044.

GIBSON - On May 31st Mervyn of Berkhamsted, Berts. Beleved hushand of janet, joving father, grandfather, joving father, grandfather, and dear brother. Funeral Service at Sunnyside Church, Berkhamsted on Thursday June 5th at 11.00 am. Family Howers only. Enquiries to Makcolm Jones & Matcaife. Tel: 01442 864548.

HAMBURY - Simon Thomas Cecil, died beacefully on 30th May 1997 aged 53, after a courageous fight against cancer. Beloved husband of Carolyn and father of Serma, Melissa and Jonathan. Private cranation. Service of Thanksgiving Thursday 12th June 230 pm at All Saints Church, Binfield Donastions, if wished, to International Myeloma Foundation - UK. 9, Gayfield Squara, Edinburgh EH1 3NT.

HAMMINGTON - On May 28th 1997 peacefully after a short fileses, William James (811) in bis 37th year, beloved husband of Cynthia, loving father to Wendy and Robert and grandfather to Tim, Aliatair, Matthew, Lucinda and Charlie, Funeral Service at Brighton College Chapel on Thursday June 5th at 1215 pm, followed by private family committee. No

sta 12.15 pm, followed by private family cremation. No flowers but donations if desired for The Kartlets Hospico or Sussex Masonic Charities may be sent to Bungard & Sons Ltd., 90 Sackville Road, Hove, BN3 3HE.

HINDMARSH - John Cowens
B.S.c. (Mech) B.S.c. (Elec)
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Retited Company Director
died suddenly but
pescefully 9th May 1997 in
Satton Coldinad. Loved and
loving husband of Norsen,
devoted father to Simon,
Adrian, Julian and Justin and
adored grandpo of Arabella.
His passing has left a void in
the lives of all those who
knew kins and will be forever
missed.

JOHNSON - On May 30th Elizabeth Mary of Hampstead and Corbridge, a devoted and much loved sister and sunt and a dear friend to many. Funeral Service at Hampstead Parish Church Cow, on Thursday June 5th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Memorial Service at 5t Andrews, Corbridge, on Wednesday Jane 11th at 230 pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Maris Curie Cancer Care, 28

2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, 5W1X 8QG

MITON - On May 28t

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Hutton, geologist. 1961, Budapest, 1899; Josephine Edinburgh, 1720; Sydney Smith, Baker, singer, St Louis, Missouri,

sician. Saffron Walden, Essex. 1657; George Bizet, composer, Bougival. France. 1875: Samuel Plimsoll. "the sailors' friend". Folkestone, 1898: Johann Strauss the Younger, composer of The Blue Danube, Vienna, 1899; Franz Kafka, writer, Kierling, Austria, 1924; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John

XXIII 1958-63, Rome, 1963; Andrès Segovia, guitarist, Madrid, 1987; Robert Morley, actor, dramatist. Berkshire, 1992.

The Duke of Windsor married Mrs Wallis Simpson, France, 1937. displayed in Paris, 1946.

Marriages

ALBAN DONOHOE

Mr D. Aeron-Thomas and Miss C.M. Mayo The marriage took place on Sat-urday. May 17, 1997, at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, of Mr David Aeron-Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Aeron-Thomas, of Abergavenny. Gwent, to Miss Catherine Margaret Mayo, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mayo, of Wimbledon.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Chris Paterson. Lucy Burton and Thomas Mayo. Mr Tom Christopherson was best

A reception was held at the home of the bride, in Wimbledon, and the honeymoon was spent in the Outer Hebrides.

Mr M.E. Farrant and Miss A.P.S. Dumas The marriage took place on May 22 between Mark, son of Keith and Anne Farrant, and Leafy, daughter of Jeremy and Lizzie Dumas, of West Mersea, Essex,

and Miss N.C. Sequeira The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 31, 1997, at the Church of St Thomas More, Dulwich, of Mr William Rufus Charles Meredith, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bill Meredith, of Shenfield, to Miss Nicola Caroline Sequeira, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Sequeira, of Dulwich. Father John Kenny, Father John O'Connor and Father Bill Saunders officiated.

Mr W.R.C. Meredith

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was at-tended by Miss Jennifer David, Miss Julia Killick, Samuel Carswell and Grace Carswell. Mr Stephen Meredith was best man. A reception was held at the Dulwich Picture Gallery and the honeymoon will be spent in the

Mr·M.C. Motley and Miss M.M. Carter

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 31, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Eccleshall, between Mr Mark Motley and Miss Melissa Carter. Nupual Mass was celebrated afterwards by the Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville. Archbishop of Birmingham, as-sisted by Father Mark Hartley, OCR, and Father James Ward, at Holy Trinity Church.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Hawley, Georgina

Friend, Olivia Jones, Tom Morris-Eyton, Hugo Mayes, Miss Catherine Carter and Miss Mireille Wenger. Mr Anthony Loudon was A reception was held at

Eccleshall Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Latest wills

Beatrice June Bradley, of Clayton le Dale, Blackburn, Lancashire, left estate valued at £2.691,327 net. James Brown Pond, of Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey, left estate val-ued at £2,414,744 net.

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Joseph Gibson, retired textile engineer, of Carnforth, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,599,772 net. He left £1,000 to St Bartholome Church, Barbon, Cumbria.

of state and members of royal families. The award is subject to

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Jesus proclaimed: To believe in me, is not to believe in me but in him who sent me. John 12:44

BIRTHS

ABBERTON - On May 30th 1997, to Alexandra (née Goodman) and David, a daughter, Kitty Rosetta Grace, a sister for Finn.

ADOLFSSON-MARKLIMD - On May 31st in Karlstad, Sweden, to Anders and Maria, a daughter, Ebba Karen Kristina.

BETTI-BERUTTO - On May 18th, to Sophie (née Farrell) and Marco, a son, Thomas Federico Alexis. SOME - On 1st June 1997, to Melanie (née Forecast) and Lee, a daughter, Phoebe Kate.

COHEN - On May 30th, to Sarah (nee van Laun) and Charles, a daughter, Charlotte Lucy Adelaide, a sister for Emity and Semietta

COLVERO - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Emma and Neil, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, a sister for Alice and Tom. CURTIS - On 31st May 1997, to Lucy and Andrew, a son, Michael

DREW - On Saturday May 31st, to Pamela and Anthony, a daughter, Hannah Bebecca. First grandchild for Kathleen and Pster Guest. EAKIN - On May 30th 1997, to Petra (née Wood) and Kevin, a son, Benodict James Simon, a brother to Katharine.

GREEN - On May 28th at The

and Mark, a son, Roy Comelius Tayto.

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20251 - On 26th April at
Queen Charlotte's Hospital,
to Jessica (nde Hibbs') and
Eobert, a son, Atlam Austin
William Geoffrey, a brother
for Lydia.

Happe - On 30th May 1997, to Pauline (née Smith) and Eric, a daughter, Lucy Maria, sister to Camilla, Henrietta

HARRISON - On 31st May 1997, to Alice (née Hutton) and David, a daughter, Veitry Costansa Elizabeth, a sisten for Corinna.

HUSSEY - On May 26th, to Gill (nee Armstrong) and James, a son, Glies Peter John, a brother for Julia and

a brother to Katharine.

EASTAUGH: On May 29th, to phillips (née Skeates) and lamie, a son, Samuel John Timothy.

FULLER - On May 8th, to Charlotte (née Swatenham) and Richard, a son, Henry Hamilton Fleetwood, a brother for Page.

oromer for Page.

MillES - On May 16th at The
Portland Hospital, to Sophie
(née Welbum) and Richard, a
daughter, Felicity Isobel, a
sister for Alexander.

Sister for Amazanner.

SOLDSERG - On May 28th
The Portland Hospital,
Alison (née Freed) and Avi,
son, George John Ralph,
brother for Ella.

HORLEY:CHAMPION de CHESPIGNY - The marriage took place on Saturday 31st May 1997 at Hustings, East Sussex, between Michael Horley and Fleur Champion de Crespigny (formerly Gordon-Harris).

SILVER

DEATHS

ABDELA - Enid Hope (née Russell) on the 28th May 1997 in Oxford, Beloved widow of jack, mother of Patrick and the late Androw. A dearly loved aunt and friend. Service at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 6th June at 230 pm. No flowest, but donations if desired to Mencap (FAO Marion Young), 123 Golden Lane, London ECIY ORT. Georgian (Georgia) (Georgi JOICEY - On 13th May, to Corinne (née Cockburn) and

JOST - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Mariles and Fritz, a daughter, Helen Astrid, a sister for Sonja. Asind, a sister for Sonja.

ESSELMAN - On May 27th at
the Hospital of St John & St
Elizabeth, to Alexandra (née
Stone) and Maier "BH", a
son. Mazal Tov to
grandparents Henreld and
Evs. Annette and Stephen. **DEATHS**

LESUE - On May 23rd, to Tracey (née Cook) and Mark a wonderful son, Andrew BRAND - On 31st May 1997 at a wonderful so Michael Travor BLYSTONE - On May 28th, born at house to Alison (nee Sportiswoods) and Simon, a son, Aidan Jeremy Augustin, brother to Piers and Miranda.

MOORE - On May 31st, to Marie-Claire (née O'Sultivan) and James, a son, Plaras James O'Sultivan. PATERAS - On May 25th 1997 to Dimitri and Fabienne, a daughter, Loreena at The Clinique Genolier, Geneva, Switzerland.

POLIGIASE - On 24th May, to Sandra (née Brown) and Mark, twins, a son, Fergus James Anthony and a daughter, Tam Camelia. RUETIMANN - On May 14th at The Fortland Hospital, to Shirley and Markus, a son, Nicholas Edward Oliver, a brother for Christian.

TRUMPER - On June 1st at The Boyal Surrey County Hospital, to Sally (née Kindel) and Julian, a son, Charles John Francis. von wunsten on May 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicolo and Desires, a daughter, Ellen, a sister for Sophie.

WATES - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Veronica (née Cardwell) and William blessed with another daughter, floranna Margot Irene, a sister for Neil, Lucy and Clare. Deo Graties.

ADOPTIONS

PHRLIPS - Jamis and Steven are delighted to announce the adoption of Locy Cattlia Sarah. Every day is Christmas Day.

MARRIAGES

ANNIVERSARIES

ALLEROVE - Congratulations on 25 years to Relen and jeary. All our love Charles, Oliver and Alice.

REFERE - Johnny, after a long Hilmess died May 29th. Funeral at Carltonacroop Church at 2.45 pm on Thursday June 5th. Donations, if desired, to SSAFA.

St John's Hospice peacefully in her 90th year, Joan (née Rusself), widow of Charles Gordon Brand, mother of Andrew, Duncan and Felicity, and grandmother. Requiem Mass on Monday 9th June at 11 am at the Brotavton Oratory, London Brompton Oratory, London SW7. Family flowers only MCODY - On April 21st, to Nicola (pée Ball) and Neil, a daughter, Eleanor Grace.

SW/. Family Howers only be sent to the Treasurer, St John's Hospice at the Hospital of St John's Edizabeth, 60 Grove End Road, London NWS 9NH.

BRETT - Tricle Mary, peacefully at home on May 31st after a long and courageous structured against

31st after a long and courageous struggle against cancer, beloved wife of Alastair and dearly loved sister of Robert and John Catta. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving to be amnounced at a later date. Donations, if desired, to imperial Cancer Research Fund or Maxie Curic Cancer Care may be sent to Ms S. Patten, Macfarlanes, 10 Norwich Street, London BCAA IED.

BUTTERWORTH - Hazel

BCAA IBD BUTTERWORTH - Hazel Alexandra Mary (née Brown) wife of the late Edward Gordon, died peacefully on the 29th May aged 85. Much lovad by family and friends. Service in Higheilife Methodist Church at L45pm on 5th june. Enquires to AV. Ridout 01425 272835. Ridout 01425 272835.
CARLISLE - Laim Ogilvie Dr. Hushand of Jill Beloved of a large family, Peacefully in his sleep 29th My. In the bed in which he was born 1926. Cremation 12 noon Friday 6th June Exeter crematorium Northbrook Park, Topsham Road. No flowers dometion in tien to The British Heart Foundation.

AVERS - A.D. On Sunday 1st June, peacefully and with great dignity, David, Beloved husband of Gail and dearest

husband of Gail and dearest pa of Sue and Kirstle. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium, East Chappel on Thursday 5th June at 330pm. No flowers please but donations to the Friends of Counters Mounthatten House or Ahns Hoad Surgery Charitable Trust of Ahl. Chearer, Funeral Directors, Roussey, Hauts Tel (01794) 513393. 513393.
CHAPPELL - Reverend Hamy (Barry) Pegg MA, D.S.C., of Fembridge, Heretondshire. Husband of the late Berry and lovely father of Marry, Rosamund and Christopher. Formerly Vicar of Christ Church, Tynemouth, Roctor of Ludlow and Rector of How Catel and Recommence Det

Capel and Bromsgrove Med at Holmer Nursing Home, Hereford, on Friday 30th May aged 37 years. Funeral Service will be held at Dembride Builds Chands on Pembridge Parish Church on Monday 9th June at 12.30pm. Family flowers only Domations if desired to Mission to Seamen en or Royal Lifeboat Vational Institution. For further nformation please contact of Hughes, Puperal Directo

Mr Hughes, Funeral Director, Sunnymead, Gladestry, Kington, Herefordshire, (01544) 370217. CHURCHIL - Hal, dear brother of Martin, on 1st Jense 1997 1984 72. Requiem Mass at Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grore, NWB, at 10 am Monday 9th June, followed by private cremation. No flower please. flowers please.

FAIMMCE - Edmund de Laune.
Colonel (Indian Army, ref'd).
peacefully at home in
Plymouth on May 22nd
1997, aged 89. Dear
husband, father and
grandfather.

clergyman and wit. Woodford, Essex, 1771: Richard Cobden. Apostle of free trade". Heyshott. Sussex, 1804; Jefferson Davis. President of the Confederate States in the American Civil War. Fairview. Kentucky, 1808; King George V. reigned 1910-36. Marlborough House, London, 1865; Raoul Dufy,

painter, Le Havre, 1877: Georg von

Bekesy, physician, Nobel laureate

LEE - (Née Crookenden) Elisabeth, Fudge, Mummy, Granny and Friend, at home on 1st June 1997. Funeral at

on 1st June 1997. Funeral at Grantchester Church, Friday 6th June 3 pm. Domatims to Intermediate Technology (helping Third World communities to help themselves), Myson House, Rallway Terrace, Rugby, CV21 3HT.

LESLE - On May 29th, 1997, Bryan Leslie, EN Retired, of Bahmullo, Fife, dear hushand of Linds, and a dear father and grandfather. Service at Kirkcaldy Crematorium on June 4th at 11 am. Jonations to Cancer Research.

DEATHS: William Harvey, phy-

The Duke of York defeated the Dutch fleet off the coast of Lowestoft, 1665.

The first bikini bathing suit was Third-class travel on British Railways ended, 1956.

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WALLER - F.J. Stuam suddenly on April 7th at home in Nampton. Requiescat in

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McWillinnie - Doctor James Barr suddenly at his home in Oxford on Saturday 24th Mny 1997. Will be greatly missed. Private cromation. Hemodal Service to be held 12 noon Saturday 7th June at St Lake's Chepel at the Badeliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

MILLARD - Suddenly on May 30th, Bruce F.P., dear hasband of June and very loving father of Paul and Penny and of his grandchildren Charlie, Henry, Rose, George and Patrick, Funeral at St Lawrence, Isle of Wight, June 9th at noon.

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LEWIS - On 27th May, 1997, peocefully at his home in Llandati, Cardiff, The Vary Reverend David Gareth Lowis, retired Dean of Monmonth, dear brother of Monmonth, dear brother of Eliwen Williams and the late janet Lewis, loving uncle to Roger, Lindy and Alum and devoted nephew of Chaudia Lewis. Reception into St Woolos Cathedral, Stow Hill, Newport, Gwent at 6.30 pm on Thursday 5th June. Funeral Friday, Requiem Mass at 11.30 am followed by Crematorium, Crossycalilog, Cwmbran at 1 pm. No flowers please, but if desired donations to Kitney Research Unit for Wales Foundation, 14 Park Grove, Cardiff, CF1 38h.

LOVETT - Jane Wilson, aged 87 OVETT - Jane Wilson, aged 87, m June 1st peacefully at Close House Nursing Home. Herham, after a long illness bravely borne, widow of Baddon, much loved mother of Jennifer, Catherine, Rosamund and John, grandmother Private family funeral. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Ashiehmers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SWIP 1PH

LUBIENSKI WENTWORTH Count R. Zhigniew (Rohand), innovetor in mathematics teaching died peacefully on 30th May, aged 96. He will be deeply missed by his witow, son, daughter-in-law, grandson

MILLARD - Dr. Raymond Spencer C.M.G. on june 1st 1997 peacefully in hospital after a long limess. Devoted husband of Shella and father of John and Judith Private of John and Judith Private cremation, family flowers only. Donations If declared to Wessex Cancer Trust, Basingstoke Group clo A & W. Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hants. GU13 9AH.

Lawrence, Isle of Wight, June 9th at noon.

ORR EWIMS - Marion Hester (née Cameron) aged \$2, on 31st May 1997 peacefully at home. Adored wife of Koneld, much loved mother of Archie, Janet, Flona and Jamie, and beloved grandmother. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Thursday, 5th June at 5t Mary's Church, Aberfoyle, Family flowers only. Donations it desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

PMELIPS - On May 31st 1997 peacefully at home in Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, Itis Elanche, aged 95 years, to join her husband Malcolm, Much loved mother of Diana and Jean, their husbands Peter and Sven, grandchildren Michael and Lix, Niki, Lesley, Michael and Lix, Niki, Lesley, Michael and No flowers by request, Donatons if dealerd to The Stade Centre (Donkey Sanctuary). All enquirles and donations to Ben Lloyd (F.D.) Ltd, 51 Station Road, Cheedle Hulme SKS 7AA. Tel: 0161 485 3135 or 01626 872717.

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PITTS - Nancy. Puncefully in London on May 30th 1997 in her 92nd year. Wife of the late William Pitts, beloved mother of Valetia and son in law Georg Soitt, dearly loved grandmother of Gebrielle and Claudia. She will be much missed by all her family and friends. Funeral and celebration of her life will be at St. John's Wood Church on Thursday 5th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only pissee.

grandson granddaughter. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 10th june at 1 pm at 5t Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2, followed by teception. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Medical Alf For Polnnd, 16 Warwick Road, London SWE.

LUSK - At the Boyal infirmary, Glazgow, on Sunday Jone 1 is 1997. The Revd. John Colville Lusk in his 84th year, loved husband of jabel. Service in Dunhime Cathedral on Fiday Jone 6th at 1 pm, thereafter burial at Dunblane Cemetery at approximately 2 pm.

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June 21 2.30pm. Family flowers only please.

ROGERS - Hubert Percival of Willesley, Gloucestershire. Died 29th May 1997 aged 84. Dearly loved hasband of fill and father of Johnny, Charles and James. Private Cremation. The Memorial Service will be held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston on Thursday 12th June 1997 at 3 pm. No Rowers.

SIMPSON - On May 30th, Derok William Alastair Simpson T.D. J.P., D.L., aged 82 Dear husband of Jenn and father of Alastair No flowers please. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Private cromation. Service of Thanksgiving 3pm Thursday June 12th at Church of St Chad, Shrewsbury.

Shrewbury.

THOMAS - Wendy (Cynthia Zippie), beloved wife of Peter and mother of Martin, Caroline and Penelope, died on May 30th penerally and unexpectedly. She will be greatly missed by her large and loving family and many friends. Funeral Service at St. Philip's Church, Natley Lane, Reigate, Surrey on Friday 6th june at 3 pm.

THURKLECK - William Michael THURLBECK - William Michael Sain, David and Alison and grandfather of Tamera. He will be softly missed by his family and his many triends and colleagues in the field of Pathology. Funeral to be held in Vancouver so family

TOWERS - George, Artist, died May 31st peacefully in his sleep, dear husband of Trixie. No funeral.

VERNON - The Rev. William Radney, beloved father of Andrea and grandfather of Sarah, Nicola and Lucinda. On 30th May peacefully at home aged 91.

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MANFRED VON ARDENNE

Manfred von Ardenne. German scientist and inventor, died on May 26 aged 90. He was born on January 20, 1907.

anfred von Ardenne was a scientific prodigy whose work ranged from radio and television technology to nuclear physics and cancer research. Whatever the field, in more than seventy years of prolific experiment he showed an intuitive genius for sporting and exploiting the value of new discoveries and inventions. He was the author of more than 700 publications, among them some 30 books, and had at least 600 different patents to his name. He worked successively for Hitler and for Stalin, and in Communist East Germany he became a millionaire.

Manired Baron von Ardenne was born in Hamburg into an upper-class family of officers and senior government officials (the barony was mid-19th-century and Belgian). The life of his grandmother. Elisabeth Edle und Freiin von Plotho, is said to have been the inspiration for Theodor Fontane's great novel of 19th-century German bourgeois life, Effi Briest.

The family moved to Berlin when Ardenne's father was transferred to the war ministry there. Ardenne, who as a boy amused himself by building cameras and alarm systems, was no great success at school and left early to pursue his technical interests in an engineering workshop.

At the age of to he registered his first scientific discovery a radio component taken up by the manufacturer Sieg-mund Loewe, who used it to build a radio receiver in 1926. He went on to read physics, mathematics and chemistry at the University of Berlin, but after two years abandoned his formal studies. At the age of 21, he founded his own institute and taught himself.

Supported by his family wealth, in the early 1930s he did pioneering research that resulted in such developments as an electronic television set.



a high-definition electron microscope and medical diagnostic equipment. During the Second World War he was employed by the Nazis to work on radar technology, and in an underground laboratory in Berlin did research into mass spectography and developed a cyclotron for use in atomic experiments. He was dismissive of Hitler: "He knew nothing about technology."

After the war, with other former Nazi scientists. Ardenne worked on the Soviet atomic weapons project at a secret research institute on the Black Sea. He developed a process for splitting isotopes to create highly enriched uranium 235, thereby enabling the Soviet Union to create a nuclear bomb. He later described his work as "our contribution to atomic peace",

arguing that the Soviet bomb brought parity to the arms race and so averted mutual destruction.

In 1955, helped financially by the award of the Stalin Prize, he established his own research institute in Dresden: with a workforce of 500, it became the largest private employer in the German Democratic Republic. East Germans nicknamed him "the

Red Baron", and his work enabled the GDR to withstand trade embargoes, and to secure much-needed hard currency through the sale of patents to the United States and Japan. He played an active part in the development of East German scientific policy.

Increasingly, however. Ardenne turned his attention to medical research, "After working on the atomic bomb. it was good to do something humane," he said. From the 1900s he developed a range of controversial cancer treatment techniques, which involved heating a patient's body to high temperatures and adding oxygen and sugar to the bloodstream. Results were not wholly predictable. Never a member of the

Communist Party (nor of the

Nazi Party before it). Ardenne nevertheless enjoyed great privileges and prestige in the GDR, including freedom to travel to the West and a private villa overlooking the Elbe, In 1963 he became a member of the country's nominal supreme body, the Volkskammer, and as late as November 1989 he was outlining to his colleagues there a number of proposals to improve the efficiency of the East German economy, a process he described as the "last

chance for a humane, worthy

and attractive socialism". It was also the last chance for Ardenne's institute. As East German firms went bankrupt and trade within Eastern Europe collapsed, its earnings dropped from 190 million to 10 million marks. Threatened with ruin by the removal of its state subsidies after German reunification in 1990, and forced to sack half its workforce, the institute was eventually divided into three parts, one of which, the Von Ardenne Institute for Applied Medical Research, the founder continued

to run until his death. Manfred von Ardenne's first marriage ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife Bettina, whom he married in 1938, and by a daughter and three sons, one of whom now takes over the institute.

DOM AELRED SQUIRE

Dom Aelred Squire. monk and patristic scholar, died at the New Camaldoli Hermitage. California on May I. aged 75. He was born in London on December 6, 1921.

"I CAN confidently place the awakening of my 'feeling' for monastic life to around the age of eight," wrote Dom Aelred Squire. Twhen my family moved to a place on the south coast of England not far from the ruins of Prittlewell Priory. I spent many afternoons sitting in these ruins and they taught me something which would not have known how to nut into words."

In his books and articles he found the necessary words, and skilfully mediated the Church's classical tradition to a variety of audiences. Yet his own quest for the hermit's solitude was repeatedly compromised by the tendency of recluses to become theological tourist attractions.

Aeired Squire was born Kenneth Soutre and baptised in the Church of England, As a schoolhoy he loved Latin and reading an old sacramentary and other texts of the medieval and early Church. He was attracted to Roman Catholicism. and took instruction from Father Conrad Pepler, OP, who received him into the Church in 1943. He started thinking of a monastic vocation and visited Prinknash Abbey, where the guestmaster was Father Bede Griffiths (who was himself later to join the Camaldolese). He was accepted as a vocational candidate and expected to join as soon as the war was over. But

Dominicans to fulfil his scholariy potential. He joined the Dominican community of Hawkesyard Priory in 1946, but took his name in religion from the Cistercian St Aelred. He made simple profession in 1947, and his final vows in 1950, the year he moved to the Dominican

he was pressed to join the

College at Oxford. Ordained in 1952, he wrote his thesis on St Anselm and received his lectorate in sacred theology in 1954. He then enrolled at Oxford University.

but was called by his Dominican Provincial to teach at the Dominican Prep School at Llanarth, Monmouthshire, A year later, in 1956, he was recalled to Blackfriars, Oxford. to teach courses in ascetical theology, church history, and liturgy. He was giving some 21 lectures a week as well as attending three. This very heavy schedule undoubtedly contributed to a stroke in 1957, and he was sent to Liege, in

Belgium, to rest and recover.

Returning to Oxford, he wrote an extended introduction to Hugh of St-Victor's Selected Spiritual Writings ((962).

Monastic studies nurrured his continuing desire for a more solitary life, so in 1965 Aelred withdrew to live as a hermit in Liege, under the local bishop. However, his very remoteness began to attruct the attention of more and more visitors. Back in England once more

for research, he completed his own first book, Actred of Rievauly (1969), a ground-breaking work on "the English St Bernard" and a significant contribution to the study of spiritual friendship. He now got to know some Norwegian Catholies, who invited him to their own country, with its possibilities for greater solitude. So for some eight years from 1972 he lived a semieremitical life in the diocese of Lillehammer, while serving as mission priest, driving from farm to farm to baptise, preach and celebrate the

Eucharist. Although quiet

enough for much of the year.

Lillehammer, as a holiday

centre, proved anything but

the active with the contemplative life was always difficult, and Aelred relished a heetic. gregarious spell at the St Catherine's Dominican Convent in Portobello Road. His second book, Asking the

isolated in season. Balancing

Fathers (1973), is an introduction to Christian spirituality through the centuries, and helped many to discover a love of patristic theology.

A seminar on St Aelred at Gethsemani Abbey in 1975 took him to America, where he first heard of a little Benedictine monastery in New Mexico. Christ in the Desert. Back in Norway he wrote his most developed literary work. Summer in the Seed (1980), a theological reflection on the cultural situation after Vatican II, but he continued to feel drawn specifically to the monastic life, and in 1980 he moved to the fastness of New Mexico to test his vocation.

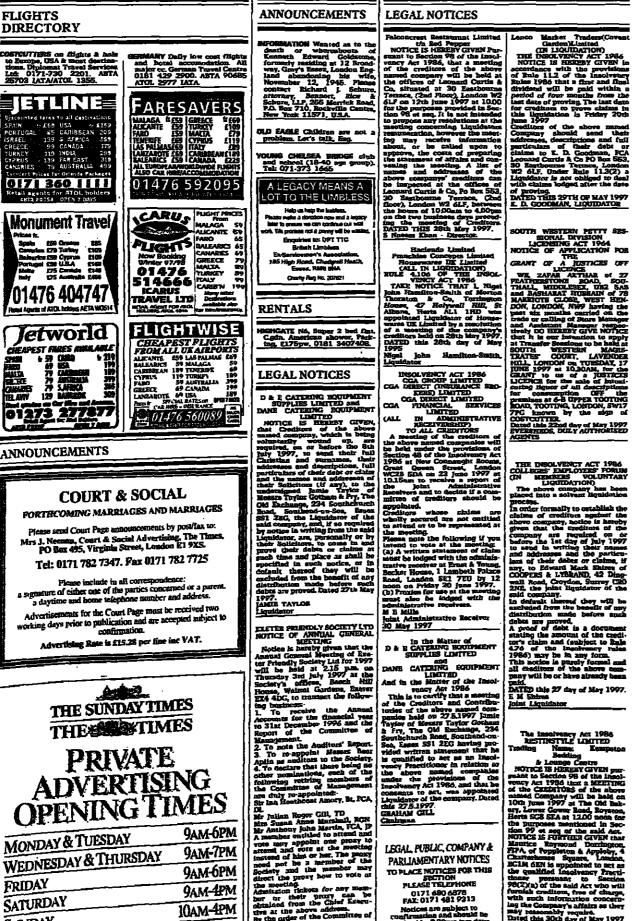
From here he wrote to friends of life without electricity and of coyotes howling in the night, but still he yearned for a more eremitical life. In December 1983 he moved to the New Campldoli Hermitage, Big Sur. California, The Camaldofese combination of solitude and community, he wrote, seemed to have brought "all the broken pieces" of his life together.

He lived at the hermitage until his death, editing his anthology Fathers Talking (1986) and teaching young monks. He also ministered, as homilist, confessor and spiritual director to the community and to many oblates, retreatants and friends, who would come from afar. He tended the community garden with gusto, appreciating the physical labour as a complement to his monastic studies.

He wrote many articles, and participated in patristic conferences at Oxford, Berkeley and elsewhere. He regularly visited the Camaldolese house of studies in Berkeley for his research, and ministered there to many. He was beloved by his community and by his many outside friends for his warmth, his spiritual wisdom and his bemused views on matters ecclesiastical and monastic.

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Richard Caws. CVO. CBE, chartered surveyor and Crown Estate Commissioner, 1971-96 died from cancer on May

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known as Dick, was a most distinguished chartered surveyor who enjoyed a career of more than fifty years, spanning private practice and public service and involving work both in the United Kingdom and overseas. The profession of the land will miss not only his presence but his expert guidanœ. Richard Byron Caws was

the son of Maxwell and Edith Caws of Ealing, west London. He was educated in wartime London and enrolled in 1944 as an articled pupil to George Page, of Nightingale Page & Bennett of Kingston upon Thames. At the same time he started studying for his exams at the College of Estate Management. He was an excellent student and quickly became an accomplished practitioner. Remarkably, when he passed his finals in 1949, he was immediately made a partner.

The Crown Estate was only one of a number of jobs which he took in his stride as one of the most accomplished surveyors of his generation. He was always keen to take on new and different things and constantly aimed at making good use of his expertise and agile mind.

He had been a consultant to the Stock Exchange quotations department on property matters, surveyor to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's

RICHARD CAWS

Inn 1969-94; surveyor to the Worshipful Company of Salters 1976-89; a member of the Commission for New Towns 1976-96; senior property adviser to Goldman Sachs 1987-93; and senior property adviser to the BZW Property Advisory Group 1993-97.

He retired from his main public post only last year after a quarter of a century as one of Her Majesty's Crown Estate Commissioners, an appointment which he had held since 1971 and which he relished enormously. The great diversity of the Crown's holdings interested him. Although he was appointed as an "urban" Commissioner, he especially loved that part of his work which involved the Scottish salmon fisheries and other marine matters.

He had a great affinity with the sea and was an avid sailor. but had too little time to indulge this or his other hobbies as much as he would have liked, because of his enduring enthusiasm and love for his work. As a younger man he went in for rallydriving and then took up flying, but his speed of thought and action was not always appreciated by his partners when he involved them in these two pursuits.

About his work for the Crown Estate he is supposed to have said a year or two ago: Don't tell the Queen, but I would gladly do this job for nothing — it's such fun." Nevertheless, his service was not only recompensed but recognised with his appointment as CBE in 1984 and CVO

in the New Year Honours. Caws always saw it as his auty to put his expertise to good use and to demonstrate why it was that surveyors should be consulted on marters commercial and relating to the land. He was a fervent generalist. He was worried that surveyors were too narrow, too confined and too linear in their thinking. He was a lateral thinker and always sought ways of meeting a problem with a positive suggestion as to how to over-

All through his career he played a major part in the life of the Royal Institutions of Chartered Surveyors and its international associate the Fédération Internationale de Géomètres.

In his later years he had reverted to being chairman of a small chartered surveying practice which he co-founded in 1987, following a long career which had led him from his beginnings in Kingston to being senior partner of one of the major international chartered surveying practices. Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks. He was a non-executive director of Allied London Properties from 1995 to his death, served as an active member of the council of Queen's College. Harley Street, and as a director of the British & International Sail-

ors' Society. He married Fiona Darling in 1947, the year before he took his finals. She survives him. together with a son and a daughter. His elder daughter. Genevra (Jenny) Caws. QC. died in April and he was also predeceased by an infant son.

THE QUEEN AND A CONSUMPTIVE PATIENT.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince's Victoria. yesterday afternoon paid a visit to St. Lukes-house, 14. Pembridge-square, Bayswater, and spent half an hour with the patients. Her Majesty was attended by the Hon. Charlotte Knollys and the Hon. Sidney Greville. The visit was an absolute surprise to all the

officials of the institution, of which her Majesty is the paironess, and also to the pour girl for whose benefit her Majesty specially made the call. Some days ago Martha Massey, one of the patients in the house, which is for the reception of cases of mortal illness in their latest phases, surreptitiously wrote a letter to the Queen saving w much she would like to see her before her Majesty took a long trip abroad. The poor girl, in respectful terms and simple phraseology, ex-plained in the letter that she had been unable to see the Queen whenever she was driving through London or visiting the district of the house owing to her illness. Her only satisfaction was what the nurses told her and what she was able to glean from the newspapers. Would her Majesty gratify her dying desire by coming to see her belo going abroad, because she was alraid she would

not be living when her Majesty returned?
Touched by the sincerity of the letter, her Majesty decided to visit the writer. She reached the house at 4.45, driving from Buckingham Palace in her white motor-car, Arriving at the

ON THIS DAY

June 3, 1908

Oueen Alexandra (1848-1925), the wife of King Edward VII, was impulsive by nature and had a very warm heart.

principal entrance, the Queen inquired, "Is Miss Massey in?" The door was opened by a servant girl who instantly recognized the Queen and for a moment stood astounded. The girl replied to the question in the affirmative, and then invited the Queen into the matron's (Miss B. Brooke-Alder's) room. Her Majesty, who was carrying a bouquet of orchids, libes-of-the-valley, carnations, and asparagus fern, explained the object of her visit to Miss Brooke-Alder, and was at once conducted to the ward in which Martha Massey was lying. Surprise and joy combined for the moment overcame the patient, but the kindly words of sympathy from her Majesty soon dispelled her nervousness. Her Majesty shanked the girl for her letter, and expressed the pleasure it afforded her to respond to the invitation. Miss Massey could not find words to express adequately her heartfelt thanks to the Queen, but the tears in her eyes indicated the fullness of her heart. Her Majesty handed the bouquet to Miss Massey, and told her that it was specially for her and that the flowers were cut from the Palace gardens. The Queen then passed on to other patients and tributed some lovely ruses among them.

When bidding farewell to the matron in the hall, her Mujesty heard some one coughing "Who is that?" she asked. Being informed that it was Miss Massey, her Majesty ordered her cough lozenges in the motor-car to be brought her. The Queen then retraced her steps to the bedside of the poor girl and placed one of the lozenges in her mouth. Her Majesty then handed a number of the lozenges to the matron. requesting her to give them to the girl when she was taken with severe fits of coughing.

The girl whom the Queen thus honoured has had a life of trouble and sorrow. Born in London of parents in poor circumstances, she was called upon at the age of II to nurse her mother, a victim of consumption, and to look after younger children. Her father, after the mother's death, led a somewhat irregular life, and Martha, when only 14, had to go to work in a factory, earning a few shillings per week. The girl was always fruit. and undoubtedly took consumption when nurs-ing her mother. Finally, her father was stricken with consumption, and Manha secured his now lying. There her parent died.

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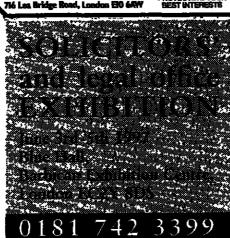
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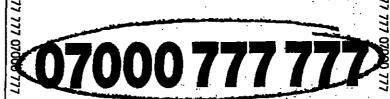
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es and hunches. Mr Bristow sees the system as a flight simulator for business and believes that his company is the first in the field. He says: Other Software has looked backwards. checking the rearview mirror to see what went wrong and right. We look forward." The predicting software for Trebor Bassett was developed jointly with the sweet company. lain Rattray, Trebor Bassen's market planning manager, says: "One thing we wanted to know was what would happen to profitability

> us to project that and to plan for a year or two ahead." Hence you will see Mr Bristow's handiwork in the number of liquorice alisorts packets stacked in the

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computers from microchips to mainframes, obtained an electronics degree at Imperial College, London, and gained a PhD at Cambridge by creating a speech training aid for the deal using computer colour graphics.

He worked at Texas Instruments' north European headquarters in Bedford, then spent seven years as a kind of corporate doctor curing ailing companies. In that time he and his team turned round Wordplex and sold it at three times the stock market price.

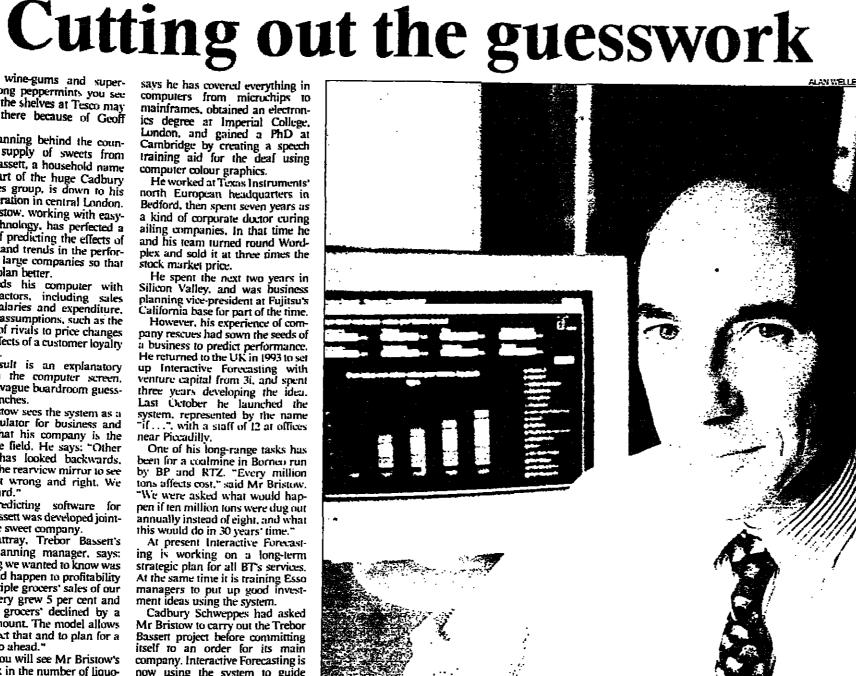
He spent the next two years in Silicon Valley, and was business planning vice-president at Fujitsu's California base for part of the time.

However, his experience of company rescues had sown the seeds of a business to predict performance. He returned to the UK in 1993 to set up Interactive Forecasting with venture capital from 3i, and spent three years developing the idea. Last October he launched the system, represented by the name "if ...", with a staff of 12 at offices near Piccadilly.

One of his long-range tasks has been for a coalmine in Borneo run by BP and RTZ. "Every million tons affects cost," said Mr Bristow. We were asked what would hapnen if ten million tons were dug out annually instead of eight, and what this would do in 30 years' time."

At present Interactive Forecasting is working on a long-term strategic plan for all BT's services. At the same time it is training Esso managers to put up good investment ideas using the system.

Cadbury Schweppes had asked Mr Bristow to carry out the Trebor Bassert project before committing itself to an order for its main company. Interactive Forecasting is now using the system to guide Cadbury Schweppes in deciding on



Looking ahead: Geoff Bristow offers companies explanatory graphs on a computer screen

Bright idea makes light work of advertising

Brian Collett finds that small businesses can flourish at the supermarket

KEITH SMITH, whose working life has been in outdoor advertising, wanted to see advertisements that would hit home with everybody who saw them.

What could be more obvious than large grocery advertisements to confront people as they enter the store? "The audience is there specifically to shop," said Mr Smith.

This even answered the grouse by Lord Leverhulme, the first advertising was wasted. That waste is uncceptable in the 1990s," said Mr Smith. "More and more

business in October 1995 and began trading in April last year. He negotiated franchises for his panels on the outside walls of supermarkets, or in their car parks, and sold the space to advertisers.

Mr Smith's career had embraced familiar names in the advertising world, including Mills & Allen, where as managing director he jacked up profits from £400,000 to £5.3 million in three years. He started as his own boss 18

with a telephone, a computer and a fax machine.

Obtaining funding had been fraught. A venture capital company pulled out at the last minute and Mr Smith had to reapply — everywhere. He eventually found venture capital from Bank of Scotland and John Shannon, executive chairman of the and former chairman of Country

Mr Smith named the business

advertisers are looking closely at their media spend."

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The months ago sitting in a room above the garage at his home in the Hertfordshire village of Nettleden.

Adlight — because the advertiser ments are all back-illuminated — and bought a company that already had 6,700 poster panels. However, these panels were too small for Mr Smith's purpose. They were also unlit and mainly in poor locations. "They didn't offer the advertiser or retailer anything substantial," he said. "There was no clearly defined audience."

Adlight moved into a borrowed London office with two borrowed computers and three staff, and switched to the present base in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, in achieving its first profit in January.

June last year. The company has negotiated to close down the old sites and has built more than 2500 back-lit six-sheet panels, 70in by 48in, at Asda, Somerfield and Kwik Save stores and at the supermarkets of several regional groups. Adlight has expanded its staff to

28, half of whom are on the road servicing every panel at least every two weeks.

The company spent £2.5 million on new panels in the first year and has taken £2.2 million in advertising revenue in just over a year,

Owners of small companies hit by pay restraints

OWNERS of small businesses are struggling to maintain their pay, despite evidence from two surveys that they are generally managing to increase sales and prices.

The latest quarterly survey from NatWest Bank says that the prices they charge for goods and services have generally been increased in line with inflation. Manufacturing and retail businesses have found it easiest to raise prices, while wholesalers and the agricultural sector have met greater resistance to price increases, the bank says.

The report by Deloitte & Touche, the chartered accountants and management consultants, shows owner-managed husinesses selling on average 13 per cent more last vear than in 1995. Sales and profitability have improved fastest in the South and East Anglia.

However, NatWest camions that fewer than half of small business owners have been able to give themselves a pay rise. Peter libbetson head of small business services, says: "Small business confidence is still fragile. The sales and employment figures show that the smallest firms especially continue to suffer because of cashflow problems and a lack of sales, while the bigger businesses prosper, providing evidence that a two-tier economy exists,"

He went on: "The people who run smaller businesses are having to make hard business decisions when it comes to their own pay. and many of the smallest are not

even able to give themselves a pay increase in line with inflation. A quarter of business people have actually had to reduce their own income over the last year."

The Deloine survey suggests that the smallest businesses have failed to emulate larger competitors in reducing stock levels.

On a more positive note, Deloine says businesses are ploughing profits back into expansion and owner-managers are restructuring their finances to suit longer-term needs. Christopher Wheateroft, of Deloine, says: "Although the euphoria of the late 1980s has not returned, the confidence of ownermanaged businesses has grown as a result of demand for products, increasing profitability, their ability to fund their businesses out of retained profits and the availability of outside finance if they require it.



"So a fool and his money are not always easily parted

UK pub industry 'needs permanent workforce'

BRITAIN'S pub industry needs a workforce if it is to compete with the wider leisure industry. Mary Curnock Cook, director of the British Institute of Innkeeping, told 750 employers at the institute's annual lunch (Rodney Hobson writes).

She told the gathering at the Grosvenor House hotel. London: This industry needs to recruit 600 new people every week to make up for unacceptably high labour turn-

over and wastage of people.

She added: I calculate that labour turnover costs £160 million per year, so we have to sell 220 million pints of beer, or 3,500 pints

per pub, just to pay for the people

who don't want to work for us." Mrs Curnock Cook said that the industry must market itself more effectively as one of Britain's biggest employers.

"We have a major problem with the perception that this industry is a low payer. We seem to be the only major industry in this country that pays its frontline sales force at below minimum wage,

Our industry is polarising. We have those who invest in recruitment, training and excellent practices and a reward system, but this gloss is tarnished by those who still make do with cheap labour and will always struggle to attract good staff and offer a decent service to

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Accounts packages do battle

By Rodney Hobson

THE battle to sell accounting software to small businesses has intensified with the launch this week of a new company that has developed an electronic cashbook.

Meanwhile, Midland Bank has linked up with Sage and PlanIT Software, two leading commercial software providers, to provide cheaper packages for the bank's customers. The new electronic cashbook

is the brainchild of Jonathan van der Borgh, a qualified accountant living near Horsham, West Sussex, who has experience of working in an accountancy practice and in businesses around the world. 😝 He teamed up 12 months ago with Martin Vickery, a friend who had previously written computer programmes for flight simulators.

The Do\$h Cashbook system they have devised is, however, a simple one and the pro-

place. The data is supplied by

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Hairdressers seem to be a cut above the

rest when it comes to toe-curling business names. Headmasters and

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by Norwich Union, the insurance

group, which has decided to run a

competition to find the ten cleverest

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The Do\$h system is designed to lighten the workload

gramme, for Windows, takes up only half of a 31-in disk (further information from 0800 026 4666).

Mr van der Borgh says: "My programme is aimed at the sort of people who still do their accounts by hand. They work hard all day and do their accounts at night. I did it because there is nothing equivalent available for very small businesses."

Scope for such systems has

increased with the spread of personal computers. Midland Bank reckons that two out of three small businesses use a PC to keep financial records, and a further 10 per cent intend to use

The Midland offer is open to start-ups and established small businesses that switch to Midland. The Sage package, Instant Accounting 97, is available for £23.50 including VAT, compared with the £99 retail price.

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anti-stress guidelines. Another stress study, among small business owners and employees, is being carried out by Reed Training. part of the Reed recruitment

present survey's findings will

be given this month, when the

organisers expect to announce

consultancy. Reed started the study at stress management seminars that it ran in April. It is continuing the study at stress courses this month and in July and August in London and Leeds.

Jobs drive to cover all Wales

A JOBS drive that has created work for more than 200 people in small businesses in Anglesey has been extended to all of Wales (Brian Collett

The scheme was introduced by the Sole Trader Initiative, a combined effort by the Federation of Small Businesses. the Employment Service and Celtec, the North Wales training and enterprise council.

The initiative, which aims to help employers with recontinent and the paperwork involved, asked sole traders to take on one employee. Most business people who have responded are sole operators but there has been a handful

of partnerships too. To help with the scheme, about £6,000 has been contributed by the Employment Service, Celtec and Barclays Bank, and the federation has

Chris Barber, a federation regional councillor and a advisory group, calculated the cost of creating every new job at £428, compared with £45,000 a job when foreign companies are attracted into Britain to build factories.

Mr Barber soid: "This country is very good at bringing in people, but those who have always worked for the country don't get a look in.

"If one big company was responsible for creating these jobs it would generate a lot of publicity and plaudits. But this is exactly what small businesses have done at a time when most large companies are downsizing and shedding staff."

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The company introduced the site at the SME Networks Show 97 in April and conduct-

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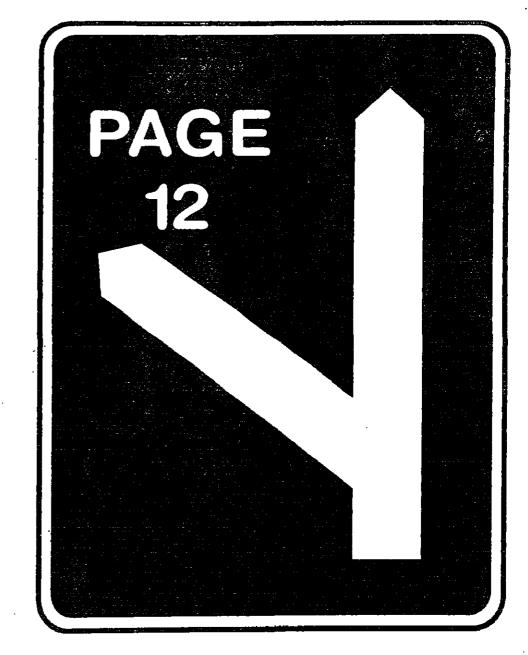
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£100,000 sacrificed to burning rage

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Gratitude to Nigeria, of all countries, sticks in the world's gullet. Nothing could give a clearer example of the pitfalls of putting Robin Cook's diplomacy of principle into

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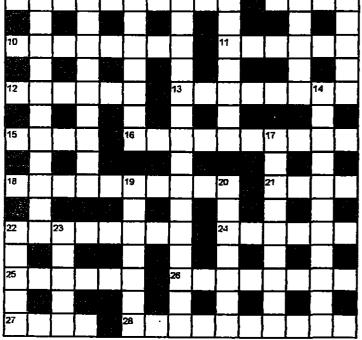
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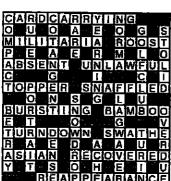
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likely to start rather grey and misty, although these areas will become brighter from the northeast. ☐ London, SE England, Central S England, SW England, S Wales: mainly cloudy with showery bursts, perhaps thundery. Winds easterly mod-

erate perhaps fresh. Rather warm Max temp 22C (72F). ☐ E Anglia, Midlands: sunny spells, scattered showers mainly in the south. Winds east to northeasterly, moderate to tresh. Rather warm. Max. temp. 20C (68F).

☐ E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland,

Northern Ireland: dry with sunny spells. Winds east to northeast, mostly moderate. Warm. Max temp 20C (68F) ☐ Channel Isles: surny spells and scattered showers. Winds light and variable. Rather warm. Max temp 19C

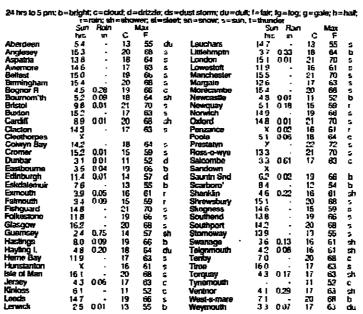
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: rather grey and misty in places at first, becoming brighter from the northeast. Winds north to northeast, light to moderate. Max temp 16C (61F)

Orkney, Shetland: mostly dry and

sunny but becoming cloudier later. Winds north to northeasterly, moderate to tresh, decreasing later. Max temp ☐ Outlook: showers in southwestern parts, otherwise mostly dry with sunny

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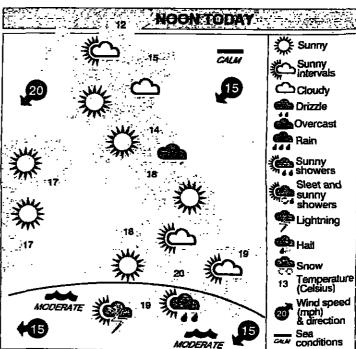


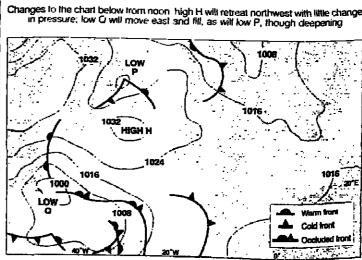
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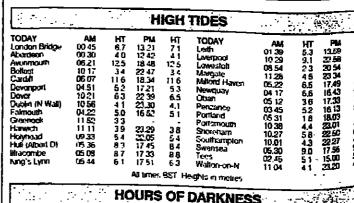
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Four appointments hailed as adding credibility to rate-fixing body

City relief at new Bank advisers

By Alasdair Murray

THE Chancellor's announcement of the four external advisers to the Bank of England's new Monetary Policy Committee was greeted with relief in the City yesterday. Economists said the new members added credibility to committee, which has responsibility for fixing interest rate policy under Gordon Brown's reform plans.

The appointees are Dr DeAnne Julius, chief economist at British Airways, Sir Alan Budd, chief economic adviser at the Treasury, and two academics, Professor Charles Goodhart and Profes-

sor Willem Buiter. Christopher Allsop, an Oxford academic, ws also appointed to the Bank of England's Court.

Adam Cole, UK economist at HSBC James Capel, said: ors pulled out of the market at

"The appointments are all fairly middle of the road and there is no one who I would regard as especially a hawk or a dove on inflation."

Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, said he was "delighted" with the new members and felt certain they would make a major contribution to the Bank.

new appointments. Simon Briscoe, managing director of economic research at Nikko Europe, said: "I am a little uncertain why it was felt necessary to appoint more academics capable of writing incomprehensible documents at the Bank." Other economists said they hoped that

over the academic bias to the

cluded in the future. Professor Goodhart and Professor Buiter will have their first taste of the new committee when it assembles for its inaugural meeting on Thursday. Sir Alan will be present only as a non-voting Treasury observer. He will

become a full member when

autumn. Dr Julius will join in September when she has left r post at BA.

Mr Cole said that he felt the appointments, coupled with the fact that the Budget will not now be until July 2, increased the chance that the Bank will make a quarterpoint rate rise on Friday.

ernors of the Bank who will also join the monetary policy

Professor Goodhart, professor of banking and finance at

the London School of Economics, served as a monetary adviser at the Bank for 17 years until 1985. Regarded as an expert on monetary policy, he will contin-

Barclays Bank before becoming chief economic adviser to the Treasury in 1991. He escaped criticism over the ERM debacle in 1992 and is credited with helping to rewith the pound continuing to store economic credibility under Kenneth Clarke. Dr Julius, a US citizen, has been chief economist at Shell and previously worked at the World Bank in Washington. ed a 6.5 per cent rise. Consumer credit grew by £691 million

monetary union.

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But there was some concern French Socialists' win upsets markets

THE Socialist victory in the French elections prompted chaos in markets across Europe as analysis tried to assess the consequences for economic and monetary union (Alasdair Murray writes). Trading on the Paris bourse

first. The CAC 40 index fell 85 points, about 2 per cent, early on, but closed up 17 points at 2,601.5 as investors regained confidence. Shares in privatisation issues such as Thomson-CSF suffered heavy losses. It was the German mark was volatile as foreign investwhich emerged as the big loser as traders interpreted

as evidence that there will be a broad but "soft" euro. The dollar gained more than two pfennigs to DM1.7265, while sterling rose from DM2.7913 to close at DM2.8184.

The pound also received a boost from economic data released yesterday showing an

the Socialist victory in France improving manufacturing sector and robust consumer demand. The purchasing managers' index rose to a twoyear high in May with the manufacturing sector expanding for the twelfth consecutive

domestic demand,

month. Economists said the

hit exports. Money supply figures showed M0, the measure of narrow money, rising 6.1 per cent in May. The City expect-

in April, compared with £793

million in March.

She will take up a full-time post at the Bank.

pected to continue as professor

of international macroeconom-

ics at Cambridge University.

The Dutch-born academic,

described by City economists

as "brilliant but unorthodox".

is known for his critical views

on the Maastricht criteria for

Sir Alan Budd worked at the

London Business School and

Debut drop for Halifax as members take windfall

By Caroline Merrell and Marianne Curphey

HALIFAX shares fell moe market yesterday. The shares than 5 per cent in the first day of trading as more than two million savers and borrowers in the converting building society bailed out, making an average of £2,200.

Around 23 per cent of the Halifax's new shareholders sold in the institutional auction on Friday, arranged by Merrill Lynch, the broker, which achieved an average price of 732½p. 74 per cent higher than the 420p price originally predicted earlier this

They would have done better to hold on and sell in the

Metroline

chief in line

for £3.3m

DECLAN O'FARRELL

who paid £40,000 two years

ago to support the buyout of

Metroline, will pick up £3.3 million when the London

bus operator joins the stock

market next month (Fraser

Mr O'Farrell, chief exec-

utive, is part of a four-man team who raised £100,000

for a stake expected to be

Although 780 drivers

and other staff will pick up

free shares worth an aver-

age £9.700, the buyout

team's stake is bigger than that given to all other

Metroline, which was

bought for £20 million, is

expected to be valued at

£35 million on flotation.

workers combined.

valued at £9.7 million.

initially opened at 7762p and then fell to 734p, only marginally above the auction price but enough to give Halifax a market value of £18 billion, slightly more than Barclays. The share performance was

in contrast to the Alliance & Leicester flotation, where the share price soared on the first day. Richard Coleman, Merrill Lynch bank analyst, said the share price had not been squeezed as high as the Alliance & Leicester share price because the market had been more orderly.

Shares in the banking sector fell yesterday, with some commentators suggesting that institutional investors were selling shares short to deflate

the sector's high rating.

A number of Halifax members have yet to receive their share certificates and were unable to trade. James Agnew, of Merrill Lynch, said: "If the share certificates had been sent out earlier it might have encouraged more of a grey market to develop."

The maximum number of shares held by any single Halifax member is 1,181, representing a total windfall of more than £8,500. The vast majority of the 7.6 million shareholders benefited from the basic distribution of 200 shares, representing a windfall of more than £1,400.

Another, much smaller, auction took place yesterday to deal with shareholders whose forms, indicating that they wanted to sell through the Halifax's free dealing service, arrived late. Nearly 9.7 million shares were sold in this auction, representing 0.4 per cent of the share capital.

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Ex-building society: Mike Blackburn, Halifax chief executive, left, and John Foulds, chairman, celebrate yesterday's flotation on the Stock Exchange

Ronson pair quit as loss deepens

By Jason Nissé

HOWARD HODGSON, the flamboyant former funeral director, and Christine Pickles. his girlfriend, yesterday resigned from Ronson, the lighter-maker, after it revealed that it was to fall into further losses.

Their departure ends a fouryear rollercoaster ride for investors in the company which started as a small brewery called Hoskins, was named Halkin Holdings after Mr Hodgson's central London offices and became Ronson when it took over the lighter company and tried to expand it into luxury goods. In that time the shares have fallen from a peak of 65% p to yesterday's close of 14p.

Last October the group raised £10.5 million in a rights issue at

25p, when its brokers, Peel Hunt, predicted profits of £1.5 million. In March, it revealed that a fire at its Newcastle upon Tyne warehouse would bring losses of £1 million.

Yesterday the excuse was bad debts, and the loss deepened to £2 million. Mr Hodg-son resigned as chief executive and Miss Pickles as corporate development director. Mr Hodgson is entitled to a £300,000 payoff, but Ronson said he would receive nothing like that amount.

Shaun Dowling, the former Guinness director, has become executive chairman and is bringing in David Clipsam, a former managing director of Our Price records, as managing director.

Strong may receive extra payoff

LIAM STRONG, who resigned as the chief executive of Sears in April. stands to receive extra compensation if he fails to secure "equivalent employ-ment" within nine months, according to the company's annual report (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The report shows he has already been paid £465,000 in compensation. He is due to receive another £214,000 because of changes to the company's pension scheme. ian Thompson, who resigned as managing director

of Sears' shoe division last year, was paid £225,900 in compensation, while Rod Taylor, former human resources director, received

Lanica share halt may last months

By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES in Lanica Trust, the investment vehicle of Andrew Regan, the failed Co-op bidder, are unlikely to begin trading again for months. They will remain suspended until the Serious Fraud Office

ends its investigation into an earlier deal and until a private criminal case is resolved. The SFO investigation, which only began at the end of April. is likely to go on for months.

The company had hoped to

see the shares re-listed yesterday, after its full-year results were published. They show Lanica made a 1996 pre-tax loss of £396,798. It has written off its £001,944 investment in Galileo, the company set up to make the Co-op bid, which is now in liquidation. The Stock

Exchange's decision to continue the suspension, which began in February, has raised speculation that it is looking into the possibility of insider trading. The shares rose tenfold before the abortive Co-op

The SFO investigation is into a payment made to Trellis, an offshore company, during a deal to extend a contract between the CWS and Hobson, a company run by Mr Regan which bought the CWS food manufacturing arm.

The CWS has begun a private prosecution of Mr Regan and David Lyons, his co-director, and of Allan Green, a former CWS executive.

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Enron will pay \$440m to settle dispute

BY CARL MORTISHED

ENRON, the American power company, yesterday paid the price for its aggressive pursuit of market share in the UK gas sector, agreeing to pay \$440 million immediately in settlement of a dispute over a highpriced contract for the supply

of North Sea Gas. BG Exploration and Production, the upstream arm of the demerged British Gas pipelines business, will receive \$134 million in cash payment for its 30.5 per cent of J-Block. a North Sea oil and gasfield. The balance of the money will go to Phillips Petroleum and Agip, which operate the

Enron said that it would suffer a second-quarter charge of \$675 million leading to a loss per share of \$1.40 to \$1.45. The energy company entered into a take-or-pay contract over the entire gas output of J-Block in August 1992, thought to be at prices of more

than 20p per therm. However, a succession of mild winters and buoyant gas production caused the spot price of gas to collapse to half the level of the long-term

contracts. Failure to agree a start date for the delivery of gas led to a succession of court cases between Enron and the J-Block

partners. The collapse of the gas price also caused financial prob-lems for British Gas, which earlier this year renegotiated a number of take-or-pay contracts with British Petroleum.

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Pension firms face pressure for fairer service

By NATHAN YATES

THE pensions industry is on the brink of radical overhaul and private pension holders must be offered a fairer and cheaper service, the Government said yesterday.

Speaking to pension company representatives and TUC delegates, John Denham, the Pensions Minister, delivered a thinly veiled threat that pension providers will be expected to sharpen their services and cut their charges as the Government welfare review gets under

that the system at the moment is not working." he said. "People who do not have an occupational pension are being hit by high charges and inflexible products. We will be addressing this issue, and pension companies should be looking now at a higher quality of provision."

The move reflects concern that the proposed "stakeholder" pension, which will foster an extensive growth in private schemes, could flounder in excess profits for providers. Mr Denham cited one example in which a

way. "There is a deep and widespread sense that the system at the moment is not working." customer faced charges devouring 30 per cent of his pension fund. He also pledged that the trend for employers to replace final salary pensions with defined contribution schemes will be closely monitored. Because they guarantee the sum paid into a fund rather than that paid out, defined contributions schemes transfer the risks and possible extra costs of pension provision from employer to employee. A report by Gissings, the actuarial group, last week found that 37 per cent of companies

now offer pensions on a defined contribution

basis. Mr Denham stressed that the Government's plans for widening participation in second-tier private pensions are not intended to undermine final salary schemes. Instead the aim is to assist the 50 per cent of workers who have no access to occupational pensions. "We want everyone to be able to look forward to a comfortable and dignified retirement," he said.

In a reversal of old Labour union policy, a TUC spokesman welcomed the move towards stakeholder pensions, but said care must be taken to avoid another mis-selling scandal.

Watchdog

may face

Recs' revolt

on pricing

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NOUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE next price review for the

electricity industry could be dis-

rupted by a mass of referrals to

the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if the regulator does not allow companies to

pass on the windfall tax in

the Electricity Association, says Professor Stephen Little-

child, the industry regulator.

may face a revolt from all the

regional electricity companies

(Recs) if he does not take proper account of the windfall

tax in his next distribution

In an interview with Power

UK. an industry journal, he said: "If he doesn't take it into

account, the normal course of

action for the Recs will be to go

to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It will have

to be recognised in the price control - although perhaps

not explicitly. Although com-

panies have the right to seek a

referral to the MMC if they

disagree with a regulator's

decision the prospect of action

from 14 companies would

throw the regulatory system into mayhem. Water com-panies and BG and Centrica

could take similiar action."

ScottishPower

the windfall tax.

Mr Roberts, who received a EL5 million payoff when

Manweb, where he was chief

executive, said the electricity

supply industry would accept

a windfall tax more easily if

Industrial and domestic cus-

tomers have already lobbied

John Battle, the Industry Min-

ister, to make sure that con-

sumers do not foot the bill for

the net was cast widely.

took over

price review.

higher prices to customers. John Roberts, president of

Brussels to press for new curbs on closures

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

successfully.

ments against the company.

though a deal was eventually

outsider will examine alterna-

tives to closure, and then to

mediation, where the mediator

Full details of the proposals

will on Friday be put to Unice.

the Europe-wide employers' body, and to unions in the European TUC. Jacques Santer, the European Commis-sion president, wants both of the so-called social partners to

consider progress on European

initiatives on part-time work-ing, but the proposals for a new

code on plant closures are to be

Ad Melkert, the Dutch social

affairs minister, said: "The

European Commission is in-

put to them as well.

will propose a solution.

agreed to save the factory.

this week.

BRUSSELS is proposing that new limits on the ability of companies to close their plants be put to employers and union

The proposals, endorsed by the European Union, are to be presented within days. They will require companies considering major plant closures to first go through new conciliation procedures.

Under European law, EU member states except Britain are already required to put large-scale restructuring proposals through consultative mechanisms with employees by means of European works councils. Britain's social chapter opt-out, which the Government has pledged to end,

Andersen rethink on leadership

BY ROBERT BRUCE AND JON ASHWORTH

ANDERSEN Worldwide, the world's biggest accounting and professional services organisation has been caught in an embarrassing leadership tussle.

Its board of partners had ecommended Jim Wadia. UK managing partner of Arthur Andersen, as suc-cessor to Larry Weinbach, who steps down as chief executive in August. However. Mr Wadia failed to gain the necessary twothirds "super-majority" vote from Andersen's 2,700 partners in 80 countries.

The Andersen board has now swung behind George Shaheen, managing partner of Andersen Consulting. A new ballot has been called, with the results due later this month-

Mr Wadia was appointed managing partner of Arthur Andersen in the UK in 1993, and he would have been the first non-American to head Andersen Worldwide.

Competitive pressures within the organisation have been growing since 1989, when Andersen Consulting was spun-off as a separate business under the Andersen Worldwide

Many Andersen partners have expressed support for splitting Andersen into separate business units. However, they put such issues aside in Paris, supposedly ushering Anderson into a new era of co-operation. Mr Shaheen has endorsed the supposed show of unity. saying: "This shared institutional vision is one of our greatest strengths."



Henry Roberts, chief executive of Northumbrian Fine Foods, reported a 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.13 million in the year to March 31. The total dividend is lifted 50 per cent to 0.15p a share, payable from earnings that rose 25 per cent to 1.84p.

Tradepoint plea for

BY ADAM JONES

market set up as an orderdriven rival to the London Stock Exchange, is asking shareholders for more money as it struggles to meet its break-even target.

vestigating whether there is a need for a mediation and conciliation mechanism. Employees and employers alike would then be able to call on such regulations to facilitate solutions for trans-national labour conflicts." Ministers and Commission

officials are predicting that the new proposals will be carried by employment ministers from all EU member states when they meet later this month in the EU social affairs council.

additional finances

TRADEPOINT, the electronic

The company has been incurring £6 million-a-year running costs, much of it staffrelated, while it tries to woo a viable number of deals away from the Stock Exchange. Tradepoint, which opened its exchange in 1995, set a target of breaking even on an opera-tional basis by the end of 1907.

Yesterday it said that it needs to handle £50 million of equity trades a day to do so. However, in the three months to March 31, 1997, it managed an average of just £3.43 million, indicating that traded value must increase by nearly 15 times for it to break even this year.

In the nine months to the end of 1996. Tradepoint lost E4.4 million, taking its accumulated losses to £16.5 million. Yesterday it said in a statement: "The company has. through its broker Williams de Broe, entered into an interim financing arrange-ment and is pursuing detailed negotiations to secure longterm financing." It did not say how much it was raising.

Regulator clears **ICE Securities**

By Robert Miller

ONE of the security firms at the centre of the investigation into Peter Young's dealings at Morgan Grenfell, was yesterday cleared of rule breaches by a City watchdog.

A confidential letter sent to ICE Securities by Ian Brown of the investigations department at the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA). the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, said watchdog had decided "that there are no grounds upon which any disciplinary pro-ceedings should be taken against ICE Securities in respect of the investigation". ICE, and Fiha Nordic, also independent valuations on European investments held in Morgan Grenfell's unit trust portfolios managed by Mr Young, who is the subject of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry. and Stuart Armer. The SFA letter added: "As

an SFA member which is still

under investigation, provided

you are aware, tape recordings of telephone conversations between Peter Young. Stuart Armer and third parties are still in the process of heing examined. This process is expected to take some time. The SFA said further action could be taken against ICE but this is thought unlikely.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

France backs Stena merger with P&O

THE French Government has approved the merger of the cross-Channel ferry operations of Stena Line and P&O according to Stena's head office in Stockholm. The two companies were informed of the decision in a letter from the French Ministry of Finance and External Trade in one of its last acts before the change of government. It said the move "will allow rationalisation of the current overcapacity of cross-Channel maritime services, as well as the modernisation of the fleet and the commercial services on board".

Ferry companies have come under strong competitive pressure from the railways since the opening of the Channel Tunnel. In a statement the companies said they welcomed the decision and highlighted a passage in a letter that said the transaction did not limit trade. The merger has yet to be approved by the European Commission and the UK Office of Fair Trading. The companies said they expected both bodies to make their decisions known shortly.

Jobs boost for Belfast

MORE than 300 new jobs will be created in Belfast with the establishment of a software development centre. Information Management Resources, a Florida-based company, expects the jobs to be created over the next three years. Adam Ingram. Northern Ireland Minister, said: "Software is developing into one of Northern Ireland's most significant sunrise industries and employs 2,500 people in 40 companies." 1MR will make a E2.8 million capital investment; government incentives of E1.9 million have been granted.

BNFL-Ukraine talks

UKRAINIAN officials are this week holding meetings with BNFL as the state-owned nuclear processing company bids for a £50 million contract to store fuel from Chernobyl's reactors. The interim storage solution would comprise building a dry spent-fuel storage system in the Ukraine using BNFL design and technical expertise. BNFL is hopeful that other work could come from a Chernobyl contract. As the Ukraine no longer depends on the Soviet Union for nuclear fuel cycle services, it is looking to the West for other work.

South Staffs advances

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATER said it had had no indication from the Government that it would have to pay the windfail tax. Despite being a regulated monopoly, the small water company will escape if Labour applies the levy to privatised companies only, some of which are campaigning for the entire industry to face the tax. South Staffs said pre-tax profit rose 14 per cent to £18 million for the year to March 31. A final dividend of 60p, due on August I, makes a total of 88p, up 14.3 per cent.

SDX surges by 44%

SDX BUSINESS SYSTEMS, the digital business communications group that was floated in December 1996, revealed a maiden interim £1.80 million pre-tax profit, a rise of 44 per cent on the previous first half. Sales rose 42.2 per cent to £20.7 million. Earnings rose 26.8 per cent to 3.6p out of which a maiden dividend of 0.8p has been declared. Maurice Pinto, the chairman, said that the group will launch its managed network services business during the summer.

ABI moves ahead

ABI LEISURE, the caravan-maker, raised pre-tax profits 2.7 per cent to £1.9 million for the six months to February 28 on sales up 4.7 per cent to £44.8 million. Earnings rose 3.6 per cent to 3.74p out of which the half-year dividend goes up 15 per cent to 1.63p. George Shiels, chairman, said: "The trend established in recent years of higher levels of activity occurring in the second half appears to be continuing and on that basis the group's interim results are in line with our expectations."

Wyndeham at £8.5m

WYNDEHAM PRESS GROUP, the Sussex specialist printer, made pre-tax profits of £8.5 million (£5.1 million) in the year to March 31, helped by maiden contributions from acquisitions and underlying growth. Operating profits rose to £8.5 million from £5.4 million, with a £2.3 million contribution from new businesses. Earnings rose to 17.1p a share from 12.5p. A final dividend of 3.2p a share (2.7p), makes 5.1p (4.3p). The shares rose 62p to 211p.

European Telecom up

EUROPEAN TELECOM, the mobile phone distributor. reported a rise in pre-tax profits to E4.84 million from £2.44 million for the year to March 31. Earnings rose to 10.86p, from 6.55p. and the company is paying a final dividend of 1.75p a share, making a total of 2.5p for its first full year on the stock market. Turnover advanced to £144 million, from £78 million. European Telecom has mushroomed to become market leader in UK mobile phone distribution in just seven years.

Levitt fails to block extradition warrant

Corporation (IBC) in breach of

By Jon Ashworth

ROGER LEVITT. the disgraced financial adviser, has failed in a final attempt to block his extradition from America_to face charges of lying to Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) inspectors. Mr Levitt, whose financial services company collapsed

seven years ago with debts of £34 million, sought to block the issue of an extradition warrant. He is accused of misleading DTI inspectors over his alleged links with a London boxing promotion company. Mr Levin, formerly of St

was accused of acting as a dir-

ector of International Boxing

a seven-year ban imposed in 1993. When he failed to attend court in December to answer that charge, a warrant was issued for his arrest. In March, the DTI said it John's Wood, north London,

would seek Mr Levitt's extradition from America on an alternative charge of furnishing false information to DTI

inspectors during the inquiry into IBC. Lawyers acting for Mr Levitt were seeking to block the issue of an extradition warrant at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court in London. Timothy Workman, the stipendiary magistrate, rejected an application for leave to cmss-examine DTI witnesses on sworn depositions, say-

on the validity of the evidence Four men are due at Mid-dlesex Guildhall Crown Court on Friday to answer charges relating to Mr Levitt's alleged involvement with IBC. They include Michael Jacobs, an IBC director, who is accused of aiding and abetting Mr Levitt to breach his disqualification.

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is hardly in the spirit of new

If the Government is serious

about its aims of forging a new partnership with business, it

needs to pick its way very carefully through the Camelot

chaos. The delights of winning

easy roars of approval from the

workers — many of whom will be

basking in the warm glow of a Halifax windfall — need to be

reconciled with commercial

In particular, the Government

should consider what message it

wishes to convey to those com-

panies it hopes will become

partners in the Private Finance

Initiative schemes that are so

vital to its future plans. Directors

who are already wary of taking

on PFI projects are likely to be

even more sceptical after watch-

ing the treatment meted out to the Camelot directors.

Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, may have

struggled, briefly, against the temptation to play to the gallery

but he clearly could not resist the

chance to publicly pillory Sir George Russell and his col-

lat cats throughout the land are being ordered to Thinning the fat cats' cream hand over their bonuses to good causes within the week or risk their companies being excluded from all government contracts in the future."

Now there is a message guar-anteed to bring joy to the heart of the Beast of Bolsover, although it empty their pockets. The doughty Sir George was unlikely to respond well to this approach. He and his colleagues can be accused of crass insensitivity in trousering hefty bonuses after a year in which the lottery's contributions to good causes shrank, but not of theft.

Camelot has a contract with the Government to run the National Lottery. Had it failed to deliver, it would have faced heavy penalties. Missing the target date for the lottery launch, for instance, would have brought a fine of £1 million a day.

To the average scratch card enthusiast, the company's executives may not look like the premier league of management and their public pronounce-ments tend to reinforce that judgment. But they have fulfilled their contract and taken the remuneration that was part of it, including the bonuses that related to past performance.
As this column has remarked before, performance-related pay

has widespread approval in principle but, when it delivers rewards, the green eyes start flashing almost immediately. So Sir George's suggestion that Camelot would donate to charity leagues before demanding they a sum equivalent to the offending



bonuses was never going to be enough to appease Mr Smith. He is insisting on hitting the individuals in their pockets.

This may be a popular move. but it is not the way a Govern-ment should behave. There is a widespread view that fat cats should have some of the cream siphoned off but there is a fairer way to achieve that end. If Labour wants to hit the high earners, the tax system is intended for just such a purpose.

The Chancellor's rate of change

Tor all the new Chancellor's reforming zeal, delivering substance to his rush of policies is proving a slower process. It has taken a rumour-filled month since the reforms at the Bank of England were first announced to put names to the new Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). The four

sure that the Bank's MPC will have legitimacy when it meets for the first time on Thursday, but it leaves the committee far from being the finished article. Only two of the appointees, Professor Charles Goodhart and Professor Willem Buiter, will have full voting rights in the early meetings, while Sir Alan Budd will attend only as a non-voting Treasury observer until he steps down from his post in the autumn. Dr DeAnne Julius will not attend her first meeting until September, while a replacement as Deputy-Governor for Howard Davies will not be announced until he steps down in July. The name of the second Deputy-Governor must wait until the supporting legislation is passed at some point in the distant fut-

The City broadly welcomed the appointments, despite the glar-

ure, although if there is any

contender other than Gavyn Davies, the secret is being well-

guarded.

ing holes, viewing them as economically and politically neutral. But there are a few obvious tension points between the new arrivals and the four members of the Bank's ancien regime. Dr Julius's appointment will liven up the debate on the importance of sterling. Professor Goodhart should provide some interesting views on the Bank's preference for using money supply figures, given that his most famous contribution to economics, "Goodhart's Law", states that any monetary indicator chosen as a base for economic policymaking quickly ceases to have

any meaning.

Sir Alan Budd is also understood to believe that the economy can grow at a much faster rate without prompting higher inflation than the inflation hawks in the Bank believe. But while Sir Alan is about to take his optimistic economic outlook to the Bank, Mr Brown has called in the National Audit Office to apparently enforce a more pessimistic regime at the Treasury. The City believes the NAO will find the previous Chancellor's outlook on public borrowing and economic growth too rosy, giving Mr Brown an excuse to raise taxes in his mini-budget.

But his new, independent MPC may also support the idea of a quick rise in interest rates.

Lanica investors left out in the cold

t is now nearly four months since the Stock Exchange suspended the shares of Lanica Trust. Until recently the exchange was confidently saying that it would allow the shares to be relisted once Lanica published its accounts. Now it has backtracked and it seems that the exchange is waiting for the Serious Fraud Office to complete its investigations into the business dealings of Hobson, the former corporate vehicle of Andrew Regan and David Lyons, Lanica's directors. And, as Kevin Maxwell might point out, that can be a very long time indeed. But the SFO inquiry has no direct bearing on the finances of Lanica. An indemnity exists

because of possible legal actions arising from Lanica's involvement in the aborted bid for the Co-op, but does not cover the Hobson situation. Is there any information which is not in the public domain that could affect the share price? Probably not. Therefore why do hundreds of small shareholders in Lanica have to be disadvantaged by not being able to deal in its shares?

This pathetic behaviour brings to mind a piece of regulation the exchange might rather forget. when it suspended shares in Titaghur Jute while it pursued an insider dealing action against Reg Brealey, the chairman. The action failed, but many small shareholders were left high and dry for three years. Then the exchange fell down in its duty to Titaghur shareholders. Is the exchange now making the same mistake to the detriment of innocent Lanica investors?

Bank on it

ABBEY National walking away from possible merger talks with NatWest is not the end of the story. It could herald the start of a muchneeded air of realism in the overcrowded world of high street banking where Halifax yesterday made its debut. If Abbey and Nat-West don't merge others will. Egos among senior managers will always play a part in banking mergers but the bottom line will prevail. Lord Alexander and Peter Birch are big enough to know that.

Emap holds talks to dispose of business titles

By Eric Reguly lications, reported a 14 per

EMAP, the publishing and radio group, is in talks to sell a substantial portion of its business magazine portfolio as part of an effort to boost margins in its business communic-Robin Miller, chief executive,

said the group is negotiating to sell a dozen titles, including the loss-making Media Week and UK Press Gazette, to a company that he declined to identify. We're talking seriously to one party," he said. The business communications divison, which includes

trade shows related to its pub-

ted that its 1996 range

"lacked innovation and ex-

citement" and blamed the

flaw for its first profits down-

tive, said the company had

been relying on too many old

designs last year, but added

that it should now return to

growth after launching a

He said: "It's probably

been fair to say we have been

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Robin Field, chief execu-

turn since the recession.

cent rise in underlying operat-ing profit in the year to March This increase, however, was not enough to match the gains in the other businesses. Underlying operating profits were up 19 per cent in radio, 57 per cent in French consumer magazines and 21 per cent in UK consumer titles, with mag-

Smash Hits and Minx. The strong rise in earnings from the French magazines was behind the 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £121 miliion, on turnover of £768 mill-

year, we had 20 new prod-

ucts in a range of 200. This

designs on sale. We will not

be looking at another year of

Pre-tax profits fell 10 per

cent to £5.92 million in the year to March 31, as earn-

ings declined from 16p to 13.7p a share. In spite of this.

the total dividend rises to

3.7p (3.35p) with a final 2.2p

payable on October 31.

The company's cash pile jumped from £4.3 million to

£7.4 million over the year. It

intends to plough up to £2.5

million of this into a share

per cent rise a year earlier. Orders to WH Smith fell

by El million over the year

after the retail chain scrapped buying Filofaxes in bulk in favour of a "just-in-

time" ordering system. Mr Field said the drop was

exclusive to the supply chain,

and had not been accompa-

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nied by slower shop sales.

Sales in America fell 10 per cent, compared with a 22

buyback this year.

declining profits."

Filofax suffers

profits setback

By Fraser Nelson

FILOFAX, the personal a little slow to keep up the organiser maker, has admit-pace of innovation. Last

azines including FHM,

ion, up 9 per cent. The figures exclude a one-off gain of £114 million on the sale of the newspaper and printing businesses. Adjusted earnings per share rose 42 per cent to 38,9p.

Mr Miller said trading conditions in the current year are encouraging, especially in France, where publishing margins have more than doubled to 13.2 per cent since 1995 on flat revenues. The City believes that margins will continue to improve as the French economy gains momentum. Emap is seeing the first signs of advertising revenue growth in France.

The French publishing arm is to be expanded. Emap said: As the French economy continues to improve, launches and relaunches will become a bigger feature of Emap's business in France and from a considerably reduced cost base."

Mr Miller said the company will announce the successor to Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman, in the autumn. Sir John is to retire at the annual meeting in mid-1998. Mr Miller, 56, who has been chief executive since 1985, said he would consider taking the job even though it is a nonexecutive position.

David Arculus, the former managing director who joined United News & Media in April, has not been replaced. His responsibilities have been "absorbed" by other directors. A final dividend of 8.7p is due on August I, making a total of 13p, up 16 per cent.

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John Wardle, left, and David Makin intend to continue their store opening programme in spite of the setback

Airtours expands in | Grampian TV bid **US** with Suntrips

By Marianne Curphey

AIRTOURS, the UK's second largest tour operator, has continued its strategy of selective acquisitions in North America by buying Suntrips, a Californian package holiday company.

Sunquest Holdings, the company's US subsidiary, is to pay \$20 million to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of ST Pacific Holdings. which trades as Suntrips.

Analysts said that the acquisition was small, but would complement the group's exist-ing business in North America. Airtours has increasingly looked for purchases outside the UK that will bring it a steady stream of income in the winter when UK travel companies traditionally suffer from a lack of cashflow. The

yesterday. In 1994 Airtours acquired the Scandinavian Leisure Group and strengthened its presence in the region with the purchase of the Spies Group. The North American market is still fragmented and suffering from overcapacity. Carnival Corporation, the largest cruise line in the world,

shares rose 4p to £10.9712

currently has 29 per cent of Scottish Media is consid-Airtours' stock and is expected to make a bid for the UK operator in the long term.

talks confirmed

By Eric Reguly

SCOTTISH MEDIA, the television and newspaper company, confirmed yesterday that it was preparing an offer for Grampian Television worth 320p a share, valuing the regional ITV company at £105 million.

The price represents a pre-mium of 22 per cent to Grampian's Friday closing price of 26212p. Analysts think the merger will be approved by the Government and the Independent Television

ered the only logical buyer for Grampian and no rival bid is expected. Scottish Media it-

self, however, could lose its independence. The company is owned 20 per cent by the Mirror Group and 20 per cent by Flextech, the cable and

satellite programmer.
Flextech, which needs money to fund a new subscription-channel joint venture with the BBC, is thought to be willing to sell its Scottish Media stake. Mirror Group, run by David Montgomery. would be the natural buyer. Grampian shares jumped 40p to 30212p, while Scottish Media shares closed at 690p.

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Sportswear firms hit by sales dip at John David

By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES in John David Sports fell nearly 18 per cent yesterday, dragging other sportswear retailers down in their wake, after the company reported a slowdown in sales and particular problems with shifting some leisurewear ranges. Its shares lost 59p to 271p, while JJB Sports lost 12½p to 492½p. Blacks Leisure slid 21p to 5182p. The sector, already nervous

by a profit warning last week from Nike, was rattled by the news that like-for-like sales at JD Sports have fallen since the end of March, after rising 15 per cent in the second half of last year. The company said that last year had been particularly strong because of the Olympics and Euro 96.

some of its stock, particularly its more upmarket leisurewear, had been selling poorly. Peter Cowgill, finance direc-tor, said that there had been a problem with over-buying of some ranges. A new buying controller has been working to sort out the problems and the poorly selling goods will be sold off at a discount.

Pre-tax profit, after a E650.000 exceptional charge for the cost of damage caused by the Manchester bomb, rose to £9.14 million from £6.79 million, BZW, the company broker, cut its forecast for this year from £12.3 million to £11.1 million. JD Sports, 70 per cent owned by John Wardle and David Makin, its founders, will continue its store opening programme, in spite of the trading setback. Earnings per share were 13.5p. A 3.6p maiden dividend

will be paid on October 1.

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Leeds chief sued over £30m Algarve deal

DAVID THOMPSON, founder of Hillsdown Holdings, and his son, Richard Thompson, who is also the chairman of the company that owns Leeds United, are due in the High Court today to defend a legal action that could leave PGA European Tour Courses open to an £8 million damages claim.

The action has led to Rupert Horner, one of the leading lights behind last year's float of PGA on the Alternative Investment Market, resigning from the board of the golf course-owning company. PGA is the UK listed vehicle of Mark McCormack, the

international sports promoter. The legal case has been brought by Roger Abraham, a former director of Hoare Govett, the brokers, and involves a deal to develop the £30 million Quinto do Lago golf and leisure complex in the Algarve. Mr Abraham is suing the Thomp-

sons, their UK company, which is PGA's largest shareholder, two former directors of PGA, Mr Horner and Andrew Oliver, two Portugese investors and a Swiss management company. Mr Abraham has said he may also sue PGA, which has a 50 per cent stake in the company that manages Quinto do Lago, if the current account is successful.

PGA, where Richard Thompson remains as chairman and Mr Mc-Cormack is a director, has disclosed in its accounts that its potential liability could be as much as £8

that his decision to stand down from PGA's board last month was taken because of the legal action. "I felt I could not give my undivided attention to PGA," he said. The case is expected to last at least a month and could mean that Richard Thompson will not be free to chair PGA's first annual shareholders' meeting.

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Rush for Halifax shares gives boost to turnover

stock market soared to its highest level so far this year. swollen by the rush for shares in Halifax on its debut. By the close of business last night 1.28 billion shares had changed hands, of which the Halifax accounted for more than half.

The first Halifax auction for institutional investors attracted an average bid of 732½ p and was eventually struck at 721p. But at the start of official dealings the price opened at 77op — its high for the day in spite of Friday's warning from Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, that the shares were overvalued.

But the price was unable to hold its best levels and closed at 734½ p. a premium of 13½ p. That produces an average windfall for the members of

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market was making heavy weather of it, although prices did close above their worst levels of the day in spite of opening falls on Wall Street. Victory for the Left in the French elections and revived fears about another rise in interest rates after the May National Association of Purchasing Managers' survey added to the gloom. But it was the sharp fall among other banking shares that did most of the damage.

The FT-SE 100 index gave up an early 24-point lead and, at one stage, was almost 72 points lower. It eventually closed 58.5 points down at 45628 with another long list of ex-dividends accounting for five points of the loss.

Gallaher, last week's new entry, slid 3p to 27212p. This was in spite of the efforts of members of the Gallaher board who were busily picking up stock. Four of them picked up a total of 163,000 at prices around the 273p mark. But American investors remain net sellers and British institutions are happy to buy the shares at the lower levels. A total of 14.0 million shares

had traded by the close. Confirmation of a mbid an proach by Scottish Media lifted Grampian TV 40p to 302½ p. It had been known for some time that Scottish wanted to make a hid. Now both sides are in talks and speculators are looking for an offer of about 320p. valuing Grampian at £105 million. Scottish closed 16½ p dearer at 691½ p.

The bubble appears to have burst among the sportswear

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retailers. Just days after Nike. the US sportwear supplier. said it might miss its forecast. there was a profits warning from JD Sports, down 59p at

27lp. The group said that certain lines of clothing were not selling well and would act as a brake on margins. JJB Sports was 125p lower at 49212 p and Blacks Leisure 21p off at 518½ p.

News of losses totalling from AGB left J Sainsbury

about 62 million and the departure of Howard Hodgson, the former undertaker, as chief executive left Ronson 25 p down at a new low of 14p. Christine Pickles has also resigned as head of corporate development, Shaun Dowling becomes executive chairman and says that sales this year

are promising.
The latest industry survey



WHILE attention focused on the Halifax, the other banks were left sharply lower on the day as the profit-takers again took advantage of recent strong

Barclays fell another 58p to £11.35. In April the price was £10.50 and has since hit a peak of £12.83. Abbey National was also down, ending 33p lower at 84712p in spite of reports that it had earlier this year rejected a bid approach from NatWest, off 20p at 72412 p.

There were also losses for Lloyds TSB, 30½p to 58312 p. Royal Bank of Scotland. 284p to 5714p. Standard Chartered, 20p to 947 p. and Alliance & Leicester, 10½ p to 601½ p.

Johnny de la Hay, of

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the

broker, said that after the

sector's strong run some profit-taking was inevitable. "Fundamentally, the sector is still positive. It is capable of double-digit earnings growth and dividend growth of more than 15 per cent. Balance sheets remain strong and could to more share buybacks. There is also likely to be further consolidation."

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2½p lower at 347½p after it was deemed the most expensive of the food retailers at which to shop. Tesco also fell 5½p to 370p and Safeway 4½p to 355p. By contrast, Asda rose եր to 1204 p.

Filofax brushed aside a profit setback to end 5p firmer at 141½ p. while Ernap celebrated a 40 per cent leap in pre-tax profits with a rise of 5p to 7825 p.

Fast-growing Wyndeham Press responded to a bumper profits increase with a jump of p to 211p. Bid speculation drove Kalamazoo, the business equipment supplier 52p higher to 79p.

Beaufort Group, which is

listed on the Alternative Investment Market, responded to more than doubled pre-tax profits with a rise of 14p to 414 p. The business services group came to market in November last year, but issued a profits warning in January after losing a big contract. Several others were also delayed. The group is looking to make several acquisitions short term and should be capable of profits totalling El million for the current year.

Strong profits growth was also good for a rise in SDX Business Systems of 4p to 2145 p.

Not to be overshadowed by the first day of dealings in Halifax, Topps Tiles got off to an encouraging start on its debut. Shares in the group, which sells ceramic tiles, were placed at 100p by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull. the broker. After opening at 1072p, the price closed at 1112p, its best of the day, with 1.05 million shares changing

☐ GILT-EDGED: Bond prices made a quiet start to the week seemingly unmoved by the swing to the Left in France. Early attempts by the future to breach the £113 level ended in failure and the September series of the Long Gilt closed unchanged at Ell2's. Turnover was on the low side with 26,000 contracts traded as investors continued to rollover from the June series.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 firmed three ticks to \$1071532, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was steady at E1023132. □ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average was lower but steady in early trading. At midday, the index was down 0.87 points to

MAJOR INDICES

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agers be re-heir behav-of 734'2 p suggests a valuation somewhere between 15-20 per cent higher than most analysts rate Halifax on business fundamentals.

Clearly, there are more than a few closer index trackers among our brave band of fund managers. But the wider question is whether Halifax holders should fall in line with those shepherded by the index or opt out for fear that the herd is heading for the cliff edge. At this level there is little chance of the Halifax outperforming and the only reason to hold on is in the hope of a special dividend from Halifax's £3 billion-plus of surplus cash. Those who want to retain a weighting in retail banking would be better switching to cheaper stocks such as Barclays where there is still scope for cost-cutting and the hope that it will shed its investment banking business.

JD Sports

SURPRISING, perhaps, that the market did not take a cue from last week's profits warning at Nike, the sports shoe manufacturer. Poor trading from John David Sports ought to be a logical consequence but the retailer has even bigger problems than the unpredictable tastes of male teenagers: yesterday's statement gave some worrying indications that the company's stock control is not up to scratch. Since a triumphant stock market debut last September when the shares launched at a premium rating, like-for-like sales growth has tailed off and finally been

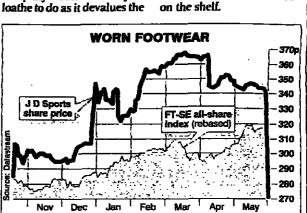
thrown into reverse. The Olympics and Euro 96 gave sportswear retailing a huge lift from free publicity, but this year the sector is finding it harder to shift merchandise. Shares in other

firms, such as JJB Sports and Blacks Leisure also fell

sharply yesterday.

But John David Sports
has a problem all of its own making. Some of its more expensive leisure ranges have been selling poorly and will now have to be marked down in price, something the company would normally be

whole product range. This will hit margins, but the action suggests that JD Sports has a big problem with buying. A new controller is investigating but JD Sports will live or die through its ability to predict the fickle tastes of teenagers. The shares, like leisurewear, should be left on the shelf.



Emap

EMAP shares have underperformed the market by more than 4 per cent in the past year and boardroom turmoil can take as much blame as the soft trading conditions in some of the publishing company's markets. A row over corporate governance saw the departure of two non-executive directors in December. Four months later. David Arculus. the managing director who can take much of the credit for Emap's strong performance in recent years, defected to a rival media group.

triggering a sell-off. With the worst of the management turmoii behind it. Emap begins to look attractive again. No new managing director has been recruited, and this is probably a good thing. New suits tend to promote splashy new strategies and Emap's old ones are working just fine. It does not, for example, need to enter the overvalued TV market even though it is the logical extension of its multimedia activities.

Things are looking better on the operational side. Margins are improving in France, which accounts for a third of its business, despite flat revenues. Now that the French market is turning round, further margin growth is all but a certainty. The shares are worth holding at this stage.

BG

ONE can almost hear the the ironic chuckles in the BG boardroom as the company contemplated its share of the £440 million settlement of the disputed take-or-pay contract over J block. Clearly, the old British Gas was not the only company that made a mad dash for market share in the UK's bubbling gas market. Enron. the aggressive American power company fancied itself as an expert in gas trading and managing risk. A

US business is in restructuring and repackaging fuel contracts for utilities. Unfortunately, its decision to acquire the entire output of J block involved taking an exceptionally long position in a foreign gas market moving rapidly into oversupply.

One consequence of the UK gas bubble is the probable disappearance of the oldstyle take-or-pay contracts under which the buyer acquires the entire output of a field. Gas suppliers will not regret their demise in a market that should become deeper with the arrival of the interconnector and gas exports to Holland and Germany.

BG shares are still looking attractive after a recent advance. With the upstream business valued at 100p a share, the core pipeline business is yielding about 6 per cent, even assuming no better terms are forthcoming from the MMC review.

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three American networks, they note

managed to pull out of their tailspins and hold

on to their status as the country's top program-

mers. They think the same good fortune is in

store for them. Inwardly, they are scared. A report released last month by Zenith Media, the

media buyer, confirmed that the ITV market is

losing altitude quickly as competition for fickle

viewers intensifies. Four years ago, ITV's share

of total television advertising revenue was 74

per cent. Last year, it fell to 69 per cent and it is

expected to dip to 55 per cent by 2003. Channel

The winners are the new competitors. After a

rocky start this year, the advertising share of

Channel 5, the country's last free-to-air terrestrial

broadcaster, is expected to almost treble to 8.4

per cent by 2003. The satellite broadcasters, dom-

inated by BSkyB, which plans to offer 200 digital

channels next year and is 40 per cent owned by

News International, owner of The Times, will

probably control 17 per cent of the TV advertising

Another report is also said to be causing anxi-

market, up from 7 per cent last year.

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ITV's off-screen drama set to resume utwardly, the ITV companies are optimistic about their future. The big

Eric Reguly predicts a further bout of consolidation among Britain's terrestrial television companies

ety attacks in the ITV industry. The ITV Association commissioned a long-range economic model on the ITV market from Bain & Company, the management consultants. The confiden-

tial study, delivered in March, is thought to

present an exceedingly bleak scenario. In essence, the report concludes that the current investment in original programming cannot be sustained as the share in advertising revenue declines. Of course, if programming budgets are cut to meet this new reality, viewers may flee even faster than they are now. The ITV companies will use the report as ammunition in their fight to reduce their annual licence fee

payments.

The ITV companies do not appear to have any long-range plan to halt the decline. In the short term, they are consolidating, with the big players swallowing the smaller ones. The latest deal, announced on Sunday, will see Scottish Media, the ITV and newspaper group, snap-ping up tiny Grampian Television, based in Aberdeen, for about \$100 million. Scottish Media's effort to create a dominant multimedia business north of the horder as Scotland moves towards devolution seems to have driven the deal as much as the economies of consolidation.

Consolidation allows the industry's biggest names - Carlton, Granada and United News & Media, owner of the Anglia and Meridian ITV franchises - to take a larger part of a shrinking pie. Sustantial cost savings can be made by combining operations, allowing the savings to be pluughed into programming.

The last consolidation round left only a hand-

ful of nominally independent ITV companies. They are HTV, owned 30 per cent by United: Scottish Media, owned 20 per cent by Flextech and 20 per cent by the Mirror Group; and Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television, owned 27 per cent by Granada and 14 per cent by United. Of the three, Yorkshire is the likeliest next target.

The big question is whether United will launch a rival offer to the expected Granada bid, which could be made as early as this month. (In March, Granada said it had no current intention" of making a bid for Yorkshire, triggering a three-month bid moratorium under Takeover Panel rules. The ban ends later this month).

Speculation is mounting that United will let Granada have its way. United may even abandon the industry by putting its Anglia and Meridian franchises on the auction block. Economies of scale suggest that the market should be dominated by no more than two companies.

After the sale of Anglia and Meridian, United could try to boost its investment in Channel 5, the other shareholders of which include Pearson, CLT, the media group based in Luxembourg, and Warburg Pincus, the Americun investment bank. Doing so would make perfect sense. United, well aware that the ITV companies' share of advertising revenue is falling, would simply be swapping a declining

the Socialists will end up by

the French Finance Ministry

counting on Fr50m from the

sale of shares in the telecom-

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M Bon says his company

will be ill-equipped to face

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Christian Blanc, the chair-

man of Air France, will put

forward similar arguments, telling M Jospin that the

carrier will be easy prey for

British Airways unless it is

The European Commission

will support M Blanc in what

looks likely to be a tussle with

the Socialist-led Government,

pointing out that it agreed in

1994 to a Fr20bn state subsidy

for Air France on condition

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questions for M Jospin to

answer. Crédit Lyonnais, the

state-owned bank, and GAN,

deep financial trouble, were

due to be sold off by the centre-

right. In public statements, the

Socialists have ruled out both

Off the record, however,

some say the Government will

envisage the sale of "com-

panies in competitive sectors

where there is no national

interest". In other words,

Crédit Lyonnais and GAN

three different power struggles

that will ensue in the coming

months. Firstly, the Socialists

will need to decide whether

policy is determined by the

party's pragmatists, who are

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Time to tackle exchange-rate uncertainty Governments must make a new

effort, says John Grieve Smith

hatever the Budget may hold on tax changes, the prime concern of many firms now is the exchange-rate outlook. The problem for industry is not just the recent sharp rise in sterling, but uncertainty

about future rates. Floating exchange rates have lessened the incidence of short-term speculative crises that have caused previous governments such spec-tacular difficulties, such as the UK exit from the ERM. But industry is paying a price for the ensuing exchange-rate volatility: it is difficult to plan any investment or marketing strategy sensibly when exchange rates are liable to unpredictable change. Today's in-creasing globalisation of industry accentuates the need for governments to make a fresh co-operative effort to

EMU goes ahead. Since the demise of the Bretton Woods fixed rate regime in the early Seventies, international co-operation has become progressively weaker. Attempts at "managed floating" have been abandoned. The ERM illustrated the difficulties on

make world exchange rates

more stable, whether or not

a European scale. In its latter years, members failed to agree either on the adjustments in rates needed or on action to sustain rates that came under speculative pressure. This experience suggests three valuable lessons in devising any wider

arrangements. ☐ Exchange rates cannot be set unilaterally. A system of managed rates, at any rate for the main currency blocs, depends on agreement between the key players.

☐ Changes in rates need to be relatively small and frequent to avoid occasional major adjustments. Any new regime should provide to be reviewed regularly, on an analogy with central bank interest rates. If the expected changes were relatively small this would reduce, but not eliminate, the short-term gains from

Measures to combat speculation against agreed rates should come into operation automatically and not at the discretion of central banks or their gov-ernments. This should be the responsibility of an international stabilisation fund with the ability to

speculation.

draw on sufficient funds to counter speculative forces. In considering ways to ease the problems of exchange-rate instability, one

proposal that may get a new lease of life is the Tobin-Tax* - a low rate on currency transactions. This proposal, which was designed to damp down specuexchange-rate lative transactions, has come under renewed discussion as a means of financing development and other international activities.

Increasing co-operative action through international agencies for either economic or other purposes will sooner or later call for international taxation.

A recent international study. The Tobin Tax (OUP) suggests that provided the relevant governments agree. such a tax would be feasible. Foreign exchange turnover is now so great that even the lowest of tax would raise about \$150 billion a year.

On the assumption that the tax would be levied by the government of the territory in which the currency market operated, the UK would be the largest collector. as nearly a third of world currency turnover takes place

The proposal that governments should keep a portion of the revenue they collect should make any British Chancellor's mouth water. If the UK kept 40 per cent of what it collected, it would get about £10 billion a year.

uch a tax, however, should be viewed as one possible contribution to a more stable regime. not as a solution on its own. The most powerful agent to counter potential speculation must be to provide that once rates were agreed, international action to sup-

port them should come into would require a fundamental change in the philosophy and rules of the IMF. Gordon Brown could well take the lead in initiating

informal talks between American, Japanese and European representatives to explore such reforms, which might also include the rationalisation of the now excessive number of international organisations in the economic field. John Grieve Smith is author of Full Employment A Pledge Betrayed (Macmil-

French firms play waiting game as Left prepares business plan

Adam Sage and Oliver August on the threat

to France's privatisations

s an unusually cheerful Lionel Jospin accepted his nom-Lination as French Prime Minister yesterday, the markets responded with perplexity to the Left's victory in France's parliamentary

The shock that greeted the Socialists' unforeseen triumph in the first round of the election on May 25 has given way to questions over the

future of French industry. M Jospin says the wideranging privatisation programme envisaged by President Chirac's centre-right coalition will be scrapped.

France Telecom, Thomsonbe formed from the merger of Dassault and Aérospatiale. and Air France are among the companies whose sale into the private sector has been

stopped by the election result. But traders say the fate of these firms remains undecided: Torn between ideology and pragmatism, the Socialists could either return to their dirigiste traditions or recognise the need to modernise

French business, analysts say. In the short term, M Jospin will cancel planned sell-offs as he underlines France's swing to the left. Yet in the medium term, some traders believe he might end up accepting the full or partial privatisation of state-owned groups. Others point out that he will be unable to govern without the support of the unreconstructed French communists, who are resolutely opposed to any form of

privatisation. The reaction of French stock traders illustrated the uncertainly generated by Sunday's result. "No one really knows what to think about this." said a trader. "The stock exchange is not happy but it's not too mornse. We are waiting to see whether M Jospin gives important Cabinet posts to the Communists and what his programme for government



France Telecom employees, who demonstrated against privatisation, will have been cheered by the election result

will "be." This sort of phlegmatism was not in evidence, however, at those companies earmarked for privatisation, and notably Thomson-CSF, the defenceelectronics group whose share

plummeted vesterday. M Jospin says he wants to maintain public control over the defence industry", effectively ruling out the planned sale of Thomson-CSF to either Aisthorn or the Lagadère Group.

Both British Aerospace which backed Lagadère's bid with £300m, and GEC, which planned to combine its defence electronics business with whoever took control of Thomson-CSF, will need to rethink their European strategies.

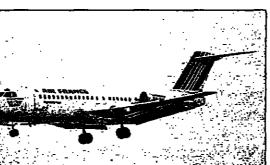
BAe will be affected by M Jospin's refusal to contemplate the privatisation of the new Dassault-Aérospatiale group. The sell-off would have paved the way for changes at Europe's Airbus consortium, in which BAe and Aérospatiale

The sale is likely to be halted, and plans to overhaul the French defence industry could unravel. Serge Dassault, the chairman of Dassault, had accepted the merger on condition that Aérospatiale would be sold into the private sector.

Now, he will be tempted to turn his back on the shake-up. For Airbus, the electoral sea change comes at the worst possible time.

The details of the conversion to a single corporate entity are currently being hammered out. France has been fighting a rearguard action against its British and German partners ble of competing with Boeing, its main US rival.

BAe and Dasa, the German Airbus partner, will continue to lobby for all assets to be transferred to the new joint company. But plans for transatlantic link-ups will become ever more realistic, ending the dream of a united European defence sector. Lockheed Mar-



Air France proposals for a sell-off have been grounded

to keep the French Airbus factories in French hands. The new Socialist Government is likely to support this initiative even more vigorously than its predeccessor, not

least because French jobs are But analysts say such a move would cripple the consortium and render it incapatin, the US defence group and Boeing's opponent, would only

be too happy to formalise its existing European ties. A lot of lobbying will also have to be done by GEC. Its independent bid for Thomson-CSF earlier this year cannot have made it very popular in France. The bid was brusquely

rejected. But GEC has some

experience of dealing with French Socialist leaders. Industry insiders bravely maintain that nothing is lost

yet. Talk is of "flying holding patterns". They suggest that the new Government will be iust as keen as the last to fill its coffers with easy privatisation cash - not least to stay within the Maastricht criteria for budget deficits. And indeed, behind M

Jospin's apparent intransigence, Socialist leaders have tempered their hostility to the private sector. In an interview last month. Francois Hollande, the Socialists' spokesman, spoke of the need for pragmatism and some privasuggested isations may go ahead. Thomson's troubled con-

sumer electronics arm, Thomson Multimedia, for example, might be sold off if a buyer can be found, Socialist leaders indicate. Some Socialists have also hinted they may accept the stock exhange flotation of a minor-ity stake in Thomson-CSF.

Similar clouds hang over the future of France Telecom and Air France. M Jospin says he will stop this month's planned sale of France Telecom and the privatisation of the state-owned airline next

Finally, the Socialist leader will be involved in a private scrap with M Chirac, who is determined to oversee French participation in the single currency As M Jospin, M Hue and

President Chirac jostle for

next month in Henley-upon-Thames, has reunited him with an old friend. I

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Express deals

A BUILDING that has already seen more than its share of awful deeds may shortly echo to the baying of City dealers for the first time. Planning approval has been received for the old Daily Express building on Fleet Street, including two 3,000 sq m dealing rooms. The building has entered journalistic lore as the Black Lubianka but is now little more than the historic black tile frontage.

The site is indirectly owned by Itochu Corporation, a Japanese conglomerate, which is already talking



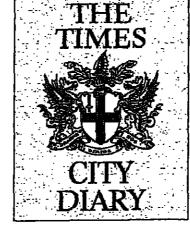
"My husband's just confessed he never had a Halifax account"

to potential occupiers, including a couple of financial businesses. "If we don't do a deal, we'll build it out speculatively — the feedback at the moment is that before too long we'll have a tenancy in place anyway." says my man in the hard hat. One of the Americans would be my bet -Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan are hard by, and it certainly beats Canary Wharf.

• BOB MURRAY, chairman of the recently relegated Sunderland Football Club, is a man who keeps a firm grip on his wallet. In yesterday's deal to buy Lee Clarke, the Newscastle United mid-fielder, Sunderland is paying £2.5 million up front, £300.000 if the club is promoted back into the Premiership and another £200,000 if Sunderland qualifies for a European competition. As it is 25 years, I am told, since Sunderland last played in Europe, Murray is not taking any risks with his cash.

Sick leave

HORRIBLE tales of fear, degradation and despair at the London offices of Bloomberg News, the financial wire service. Normal sort of day there, employees and former employees will assume, but this is worse



than usual. Raymond Goff, a respect ed editor, is on "sick leave" after a public dressing-down by Matthew Winkler, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg. Winkler is a co-founder along with the tireless Michael Bloomberg and provider of "invaluable help" rowards the latter's recently published autobiography. He is also apparently one of those bosses who believe that creative tension makes the world go around, or at least oils relationships with subordinates. Goff was given a public humiliation over a story from a Turkish stringer and told, along with most of the rest of the organisation. I gather, that he was unfit to edit any longer. Callers to Goff's extension receive his voice mail; ask about his whereabouts, and you go directly through

to Paul Sillitoe, bureau chief in those awful fitness centres opening London, "All I can say is that he's on sick leave," he says.

Retro rebel

HOWARD HODGSON, the onetime funeral parlour tycoon, was saving his former employer's blushes last night and staying well clear of the Benson & Hedges shop on Old Bond Street. He was supposed to be launching a ELS million advertising campaign for Ronson's new range of watches,- Rebel, Racer and Retro. Until Hodgson, whose hairstyle might once have labelled him a Rebel but now looks distinctly Retro - was kicked out of Ronson. The show, somehow, went on without him.

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illwritten hand-out. "It's not only Halifax shareholders who are rushing to make the most of the building societies' (sic) flotation ..." It then goes on to push a certain personal finance product, suggesting Halifax members in their droves are using their proceeds to buy it. Which shows that someone else is also no slouch at bandwagon-jumping. And no. I am not going to name the product.

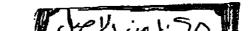
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rocodile Dundee. barbies, tinnies, surfers, soaps, Kylie, Germaine, Dame Edna . . . ask most of us to freeassociate on the word "Australia" and the old cliches would surely come tumbling out. Then, perhaps, we might push our geo-cultural memory banks really hard and come up with Shine, Tap Dogs, Baz Luhrmann, and great char-donnays from unlikely creeks in New South Wales.

And after that? Well, the global village may be shrinking, but in cultural terms Britain and Australia can rarely have been farther apart. Today we define ourselves within Europe, while they are increasingly preoccupied by Pacific Asia. Fewer and fewer Australians have family ties with Britain, and the old allegiances to Commonwealth and Crown are moving inexorably into the realms of the

True, our trading and sport-ing links remain, and a shared language (more or less) allows a brisk two-way bombardment of duff television programmes. But no longer do their big hopes and fears

coincide with ours. Against this background Britain and Australia have embarked on the biggest cultural exchange in their histories, Called New Images, it was initiated by the British Council to celebrate its 50th anniversary in Australia, and brings

more than 150 British-themed events to all six states.

In return, the Australia Council this week launches a E150,000 project to give Britain a hefty dose of Australian culture. But this is no parade of lamous names and safe programmes. Rather, the Australians, with commendable frankness, are presenting a series of unusually critical "state of the nation" portraits.

Three are staged this month at the London International Festival of Theatre (Lift), and each paints Australia as a place of confused identity, ingering colonial resentments and unreconciled racial differences. Some countries might shrink from giving an official platform overseas to such a downbeat image; it would be surprising, for instance, if the British Council presented a foreign festival with three plays all dealing with Ulster's history from the Irish republican point of view. But race has become the hot political potato in Australia at present. For many writers - whether in theatre or newspapers - it's the only subject in town.

Aboriginal groups, and many white Australians, are agitating for past wrongs to be put right: the theft of land; the high incidence of Aboriginal males dying in police custody (the subject of a highly critical royal commission scrutiny): and the "stolen children" scandal. Meanwhile, Asian Australians are fearful of a



William Yang's autobiographical monologue and slide-show. The North: a haunting parable about all migrations, all minorities, all ghettos

virulent new strain of racist redneck politics which seeks to blame non-white immigrants for rising unemployment.

The fact that all three London-bound plays comment on these volatile matters with dignity and wit rather than agitprop polemic is perhaps the best indication that Australia's sense of fair play will triumph over intolerance. Nevertheless, there can be no doubting the serious intent of these warning messages, particularly in The 7 Stages of Grieving by the Aboriginal company Kooemba Jdarra.

Here, an Aboriginal "everywoman" recalls a 210-year history of conquest and oppression in a series of monologues, while a big block of ice slowly melts, dripping frozen tears onto a pile of red earth. The symbolism is not too impenetrable. "When you get bitterness within a whole community, people can't find emotional fulfilment," says Wesley Enoch, Kooemba Jdarra's

The group's style is to mix ancient rituals (in this play, for instance, the hiding of all images of a dead person) with newsy subject-matter. 'We presented a children's show about young Aborigines being taken away from their families quite some time before last week's stolen-children report," Enoch says, "And The 7 Stages came out of the death in police custody of one of our young dancers.

Despite this grim background, Enoch is cautiously hopeful. "Back in 1988 Australia thought that the bicentenary of our conquest was something to celebrate. Instead it became an interrogation of our national identity. Out of that, good came. Thirty years ago, my father couldn't even vote. There has been progress."
William Yang's The North

is another monologue, but very different in tone: understated, delicately evocative, drily humorous. Yang is Chinese Australian. His family came to north Queensland in one of the late 19th-century gold rushes. A society photographer by trade, he was inspired by Spalding Gray to start stringing together his images into sophisticated slide-shows with spoken commentaries, and won national fame with Sadness - a journey through bereavement, as Aids hit the Sydney gay scene.

In The North he revisits the dry, stunted small-town Queensland of his own childhood, and also the China of his ancestors, in an attempt to redefine what it is to be an Australian". That may sound desperately parochial for British audiences, but such is the beguiling humour of Yang's

words, and so artful are his photographs, that The North becomes a haunting parable about all migrations, all minorities, all ghettos. It could as easily be about the Asians in Bradford. And it has a remarkable musical score: a weird mixture of falsetto vocals and handmade folk instruments, all supplied live by Colin Offord.

he third Aussie show at Lift is more whimsical. The Geography of Haunted Places is described as a "satirical critique of invasion and conquest" in which a fading beauty queen shares the stage with seven stuffed animals, and the metaphors - equating colonisation to rape - flow fast and loose. It's fair to say that the Australian critics were as irritated by the show's quirky obscurities as they were mesmerised by the epic, more-or-less-unclothed performance of Erin Hefferon as

"Miss Discovery": an amal-

gam of abused women

through history.

Not all the events in New images are anguished dissertations on Australian identity There is, for instance, unlikely to be much post-colonial angst when the stirring young bloods of the Australian Chamber Orchestra lead a small Aussie invasion of the Wigmore Hall in October.

Nevertheless, with the Aboriginal dance group Bangarra coming to the Edin-burgh Festival, and Aboriginal painting heavily featured in an Australian art show at MOMA in Oxford this summer. Australia seems intent on startling us with a "new image" that is defiantly non-British in its cultural references. Get used to it. We shall be hearing a lot more from this highly articulate, increasingly politicised "Black Australia" in the build-up to the Sydney Olympics.

● The Geography of Haunted Places is at the Royal Court Upstairs from tonight to Sul-urday: The 7 Stages of Grieving is at BAC from Thursday to June 15; The North is at BAC from June 17 to 22. Lift booking: 0171-312 1995

Time to unravel Ravel

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THE London Symphony Or-Ravel concerts, all with Andre Previn, is inspired programming. Too often themes seem to be adopted for thematic sake, but Ravel is a composer in need of this kind of concentrated treatment, one who otherwise tends be taken for granted or played as a makeweight to something else. And few conductors have Previn's natural feel for Ravel's bewitching melodiousness or brilliant orchestration.

Ravel: Through the Looking-Glass. as the series is called, promises many varied reflections, but just how much of the enigmatic figure it will reveal remains to be heard. Already in the first concert we heard three very different aspects of Ravel, with the three works sharing only a certain emotional objectivity.

Ravel the miniaturist was represented by the Mother Goose ballet, happily given complete. Perhaps it is his part-Swiss ancestry that has led to the composer being belittled as a "watchmaker". but the precision in Mother Goose shows gigantic imagi-nation, and light orchestration is used to conjure up astonish-ingly rich effects. Previn also hinted at the sensuousness hidden underneath the innocent surface; after an uncharacteristically tenuous start from the orchestra he drew refined performances.

There is much less to Tzigane, a virtuoso rhapsody for violin and orchestra full of rather generic-sounding "gypsy" music. Everything depends on the soloist pulling off the tricks, and Eunice Lee managed most of them: she dug into the unaccompanied opening soulfully, and was teasing and finally fierce in the bravura main section.

Bigger-scale Ravel, in every sense was heard after the interval in the two suites from Daphnis et Chloe. Something intangible "clicked" between the orchestra and its conductor laureate here, resulting in a sumptuous but never selfindulgent account of the composer's greatest score.

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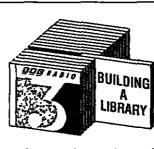
A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

BRAHMS'S SYMPHONY No 2 Reviewed by Anthony Burton PARTLY no doubt because of this year's centenary of Brahms's death, there is no shortage of recordings of his symphonies in the current catalogue. But among the 58 available versions of the Second Symphony, the sunniest

and most relaxed of the four, there are few which I can wholeheartedly recommend. The main problems presented by the work are to do with tempo: the speed to be set in each movement, and in particular the extent to which this should be varied - something for which Brahms gives very few specific instructions. Ex-

cessive changes of tempo can sound forced or inorganic: a charge which can be levelled even at such celebrated recordings as those of Claudio Abbado, Gunter Wand. George Szell and Bruno Walter: and indeed, for all his research into 19th-century performance practice, that of Roger Norrington.
The choice of recommend-

able recordings is widest among the mid-price reissues. Herbert von Karajan's 1977 Berlin recording on Deutsche Grammophon is the most satisfying of his currently available performances. though its super-smooth phrasing tends to clog the orchestral textures. In contrast. Otto Klemperer's 1956 Philharmonia recording on EMI is angular in phrasing. and its orchestral sound uningratiating: but it has great strength and integrity.



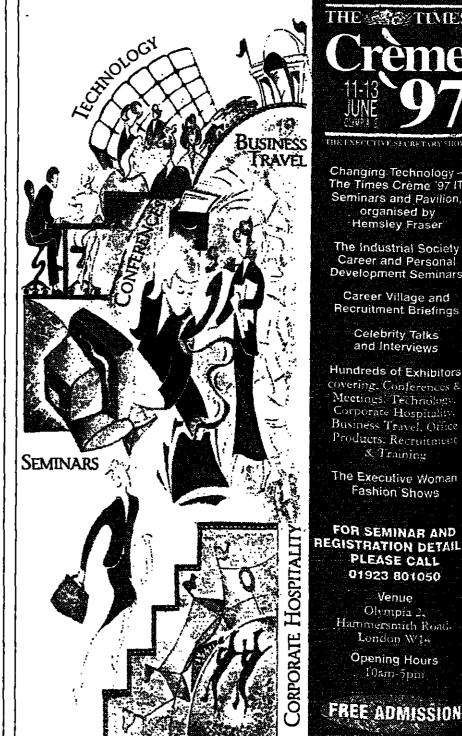
However, these and several other fine mid-orice issues are eclipsed by Leonard Bernstein's 1982 live recording with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (Deutsche Gram-This can criticised for many details, but it is a performance of passionate, desperate conviction. As for my overall recom-

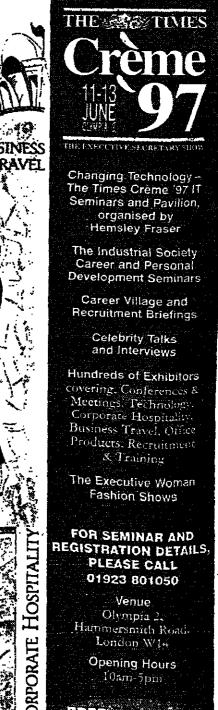
mendation, there is some superb playing by the Saito Kinen Orchestra, very well recorded by Philips; but Seiji Ozawa's interpretation loses momentum in a disappointing finale. Kurt Masur also draws playing of outstanding tonal refinement from the New York Philharmonic, matched by Teldec's airy recording: again the finale is the problem it is a little uneven and

prosaic. Best of all is Riccardo Chailly with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (Decca 430 324-2, £14.99). This has excellent orchestral playing and recording; the first movement, faster than most, seems to be perfectly paced; the middle movements are phrased with great affection: and the finale ends in a brilliant, but unforced, blaze of excitement.

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■ VISUAL ART I

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while work by China's leading painter, Chen Yifei, is shown in Britain for the first time

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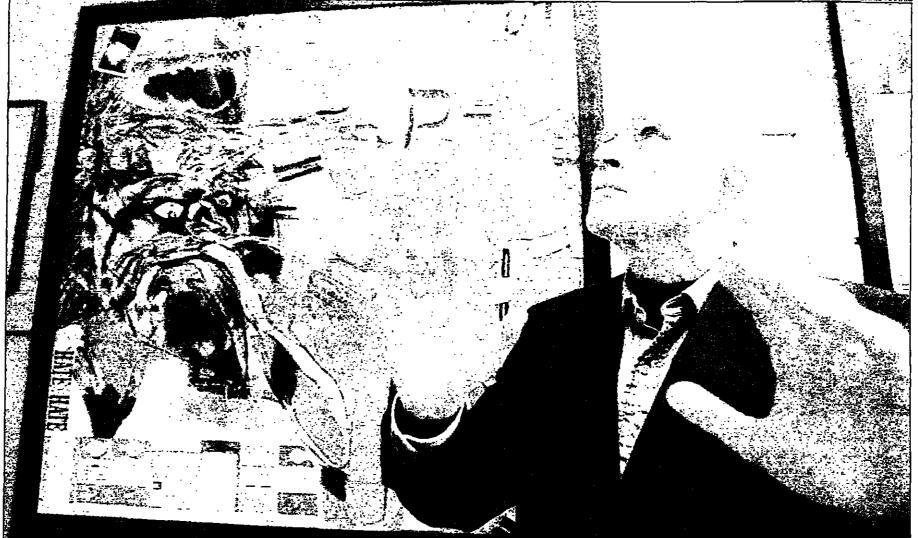
by R.B. Kitai

the moment you enter the Royal Academy's latest Summer Exhibition, R.B. Kitaj's Lear-like howl of rage resounds from a distant wall. A deeply embittered farewell from an artist who is abandoning England for California, his fusillade of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and books is aimed at members of my profession. For Kitaj was mortified by the critical savaging his Tate retrospective suffered, and he blames hostile reviewers for the tragic death of his wife Sandra Fisher soon afterwards. Far from tending his wounds in private, he here takes a

very public and gory revenge.
At the centre of his wailing wall, a macabre killing is enacted. Based on Manet's Execution of the Emperor Maximilian. Kitaj's hectic painting shows a bearded rifleman firing at a grotesquely bloated head spattered with blood, bile and dead wasps. The executioner resembles Manet himself, whose portrait by Degas hangs near by. But he is clearly a stand-in for Kitaj, and on the butt of his weapon Dylan Thomas's impassioned elegy ("Do not go gentle") proclaims his commitment to an angry grief. Peppered with bullets, the multi-eyed gorgon spews a rancid stream from its repellent mouth. And just in case anyone remains uncertain of the monster's identity, Kitaj has inscribed its vomit with a murderous chant: "yellowpressyellowpress-kilkillkill."

While I found much to admire in his Tate retrospective, critics have a right to express even the most bilious opinions. Kitaj would have been far better advised to ignore his detractors, and I am saddened that his wife's sudden death drove him to adopt such overheated tactics.

What I do support, though, is Kitai's decision to fill the rest of the room with the work of his friends. He was responsible for calling them the School of London, and his old wicked humour resurfaces when he explains that "I have invited a few of the Over-The-Hill-Gang to join me... because 1 believe in a geriatric avant-garde".



R.B. Kitaj and the centrepiece of his anti-critics "wailing wall" at the Royal Academy: the artist believes that hostile reviews of his Tate retrospective led to his wife's death

Some have never shown at the RA's summer jamboree before, and their contributions stand out. Lucian Freud's drawing of a barechested Francis Bacon is wittily incisive, while Leon Kossoff's swimming-pool drawing pulses with a fierce, exuberant energy. The most moving picture, though, is Frank Auerbach's portrait of Sandra, His brushmarks decisively summarise her gaunt face, but the features seem to be disintegrating as well, and the pallor of her flesh

already appears sepulchrai. What does the rest of the exhibition look like, in its 229th year? Since nearly 3,000 works were sold in last summer's show, and more than 120,000 people visited it, this

annual ritual clearly enjoys huge esteem in some quarters. But 1 cannot pretend to have enjoyed the latest instalment. Quite simply, an embarrassment of inferior entries is put on display, and the sheer visual congestion threatens to snuff out the impact of the finest individ-

Take the opening room, where a deserved memorial tribute is paid to William Gear. His recent death deprived British art of a pioneer abstractionist, and the seven canvases on view ought to have celebrated his robust, sensuous panache. But they are all crammed together in a cluster so tight-packed that the homage seems nothing more than a token gesture.

Proper space has been found, elsewhere in the room, for a bold, raw painting by Anselm Kiefer scattered with a swarming mass of sunflower seeds. And on the opposite wall. Prunella Clough's quiet-False Flower, where a shimmering yet sickly growth rises from a grey urban structure, is

allowed to make an impact. Nobody could accuse John Hoyland of reticence. His pigmentsmeared painting-boots feature on the poster for this year's show, and in the largest gallery Hoyland's titanic canvas Story from Nature proves that he has lost none of his life-affirming ebullience. Looking round the room, I realised that boisterous abstractions triumph on

each wall. Gillian Ayres revels in a typically impetuous joie-de-vivre. Across the way, Sandra Blow emerges with élan from the muddle of equally unsympathetic canvases around her. She knows what to leave out, whereas the rest of the summer show is cursed by painters who overload their work.

Fussiness abounds, and spontaneity is far too rare. The subject range is narrow: Mediterranean views, flowers in conservatories and beach scenes crop up everywhere. They are all idyllic, as if life for a Royal Academy exhibitor were a prolonged, cloying summer holiday. So I felt grateful whenever an exhibitor offered a vision that escapes from the prevailing blandness. Carel Weight, an octogenarian obsessive, can always be relied on to provide a haunted corrective. His Going Home, Evening is charged with an authentic sense of isolation and agoraphobic dread. Josef Herman is another senior painter with a dark, brooding imagination, and his powerful back view of a woman at dusk has a

welcome economy. Anthony Green, on the other hand, stands out through the strength of his steadfast optimism and love. His paintings look as if they have exploded into a series of quirkily shaped fragments. One even has a fissure running through its centre, but the rift does not impair his matrimonial devotion to the woman sleeping on the bed. Grey-bearded and slippered, he busies himself with teacups in his crumpled pyjamas. The aerial perspective adds a feeling of vertigo, but Green's attachment to conjugal life is unwavering.

Although Green heaps each little painting with minutiae, he still manages to preserve vivacity. But most of the artists who stand out here understand the value of ruth-lessness. Roy Oxlade, who fully deserves his £10,000 Korn/Ferry Award, knows just how to eliminate inessentials. Glimpses of earlier versions can still be detected beneath the final layers of paint in his Sitting-Up. But the woman on the bed has been reduced to a few tensely brushed contours. At once vulnerable and resilient, her figure is contrasted with the thick. luscious white paint spread so vigorously across the pillow and sheet.

adly, the Academy's recent fire means that its architectural models and drawings are excluded. They will be shown instead at the Architectural Foundation (opening on Sunday), but I hope their banishment is a temporary affair. Artists and architects are too divorced from each other, and their presence together at Burlington House is an annual affirmation that the alliance be tween them should be expanded.

So should the display of sculp ture. In the past, the superabundance of painters has threatened to squeeze sculptors out. They are still not visible enough, and bronzes as feeble as Bernard Sindall's titillating Daisv Sitting on a Wall are given far too much prominence. Even so. Phillip King's two ceramic pieces look impressive in the room they dominate. His ability to play with variations on the theme of a vessel seems inexhaustible. The tail Pitcher and Cup is erect, vigilant and phallic, while a smaller work called The Watcher is a more restless, tilting affair, alive with unexpected Baroque protuberances.

Tony Cragg's Early Form prove that an outstanding younger generation of sculptors is now welcome at the Academy as well. Whirling with contained energy, this gleaming presence testifies to the strength of contemporary British art. and returns at the same time to the very origins of sculptural expression.

• The Summer Exhibition is at the Royal Academy (0171-439 7438) until

Shanghaied by paint

hat should a Chinese artist look like nowadays? Chen Yifei, at 51 the most successful living artist in China, ought to provide a useful index -but he might more readily be taken for a bank manager. An extremely cheerful, jolly bank manager, but all the same the nearly suited exterior hardly suggests artistic obsessions blazing beneath. Appearances, however, are deceptive: talk to him for a few minutes, and you encounter instead a fanatical perfectionist determined to express

his vision in art. It has been a long road to his present international fame, which takes him to the Venice Biennale later this month and to his debut British exhibition at Marlborough Fine Art this week. Born in Ningbo and brought up in Shanghai, Chen had many advantages. His father was a successful chemical engineer, his mother a former Roman Catholic nun, and the family was well-off, cultivated and unusually in touch with Westem art and thought. When Chen showed precocious artistic talent, they were happy

John Russell **Taylor** meets

China's greatest

living artist to go along with it, and he found further support with

neers at his school.

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At 14 he entered the Shanghai High School for Art, where he received a comprehensive training in Westerr art technique: most of the teachers had passed their formative years in Paris, the

prewar mecca of Chinese artists, and China's close cultural connections with Russia in the early days of Communist government also encouraged Western-style realism in painting. The onset of the Cultural Revolution in 1966 complicated life, but did not fundamentally change China's artistic direction.

That, says Chen, was because, while in every other art Western influence was roundly condemned, in painting native Chinese techniques were not suitable for the heroic, monumental approach the Government required to propagate Mao's image. And so, although Chen's parents, as "intellectuals", were constantly under threat of exile to work camps and he himself was periodi-cally sent off to work in the fields, he was also frequently summoned to Beijing to produce imposing official portraits and heroic set-pieces. "There was no alternative if you wanted to go on painting. And I was just passionate about painting. Every subject

has its uses in the perfecting

of technique. Cézanne did not

have to love a specific apple in order to paint it: I did not

have to love Mao." By the time the Cultural Revolution passed, in the mid-1970s, Chen had become leading artist of the Shanghai Institute of Painting, had married and become a father, had won a variety of prizes, and had achieved access to Western art magazines which were denied to the vast majority in China. One thing was clear to him: if he was to grow as an artist, he had to go to

the West. In 1980, obtaining a nomi-



Morning on the Long Canal (1995) by Chen Yifei

nal sponsorship from members of his extended family in New York, he managed to get there with just \$38 in his pocket. "I didn't care. I decided that if I just had time enough in New York to get myself to the Metropolitan Museum for a day, the trip would have been worthwhile." He obtained a scholarship to Hunter College, and got work in New York as a picture restorer. One day,

passing the Armand Hammer Gailery, he was tempted in, showed them his work, and was commissioned by Hammer himself to paint for a one-man show in 1983.

Though he made occasional return visits to China, he remained based in New York for the next decade. His growing success included a commission from the United Nations and the presentation of his painting, Memory of

Homeland - Double Bridge, to Deng Xiaoping as a per-sonal gift from Armand Hammer. In 1988 Chen made his first visit to Tibet, which has subsequently become a constant theme in his work, and in 1990 he moved back to Shanghai. He feels that his time living in the West has made his art richer and more complex: he now paints with a heavier impasto, in a more "painterly" fashion.

Since childhood he has also been fascinated by the cine-ma, and in 1993 made an autobiographical feature documentary, Old Dreams on the Sea, and a fictional feature, a love story called Evening Liaison, which was selected for the Cannes Film Festival in 1995. He raised the money for those from his painting, but now he is involved in a more expensive project. "I made last year the first part, which is a documentary about Jewish refugees in Shanghai. Now I have go to the money-men to finance the second, which is a fiction on the same subject. It needs sets. It needs an international cast. So what else can I do?" Observing the glint in Chen's eye, the outcome is

not in doubt. ● Chen Yifei, Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, WI (0171-629 5161) from Thur to July 19

AROUND THE GALLERIES

IT SEEMS that Siobhan Hapaska works with two different languages. The shiny, abstract, off-centre, offbear, anti-logical space-age objects with highly polished pearlised surfaces, which seem to be a motto for her sculptural activity, are accompanied in every exhibition by the odd funny figurative element, which is probably intended to act as a disclaimer. Three of the more formal shiny wall-mounted pieces make their way across the gallery at Entwistle, while in the centre of the gallery a piece of genuine tumbleweed ranges from side to side on electrified tracks. Downstairs the light catches the surface of a glistening slippery formlessness trapped, literally, in wooden

Entwistle, 6 Cork Street WI (0171-734 6440) until June 28

DFILM projected onto an enormous screen stretches across the far wall in the darkened upstairs Nash gallery at the ICA to convey a claustrophobic scene. The interior of a prison cell shows two bunks, one with furniture stacked on top. A continuous humdrum sound is also playing Darren Almond's idea could be good but atmosphere is lacking. On opening night

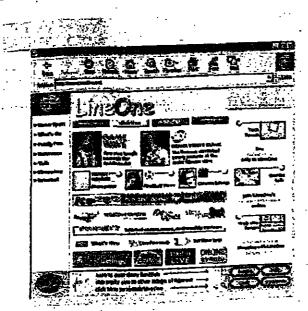
the clunk, click, echoing shouts and jangling of keys were played for real in a live link set up between Pentonville prison and the gallery. Now we just have a recording and that notion of a direct line of communication becomes merely suggestive.

ICA, The Mall, London SWI (0171-930 3647) until June 13

☐ IMAGE AND FORM at Brunei Gallery is an interesting exhibition of prints. drawings and sculpture from southern Africa and Nigeria. The crowded show ranges across traditional celebrations of national identity at the time of Nigeria's independence, through prints which were a form of common currency under apartheid in South Africa. to bright dreamy litho-graphs by the Kuru Group, a collective of gatherers in Botswana. The drawings by Marlene Dumas, a South African who now lives in Holland, provide a key to the best aspects of this exhibition. She manages to make a figure exist, quite simply, through drawing Brunei Gallery, School of

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Feather-brained fun

reek political sat-ires written 2,500 years ago are always going to struggle for topicality - at least where mere mortals are concerned. There is a running joke in Aristophanes's Archanians about a coal scuttle that has creased scholars for centuries, but frankly, dedicating ten years of your education

> THEATRE The Birds

Gate, WII

to getting the joke is hardly a laughing matter.

All power to Stephen Greenhorn's fist then for not deconstructing, but demolishing the tedious in-lokes in Aristophanes's The Birds to present a lively adaptation about the two Athenian opportunists who persuade a chorus of birds to impose a monopoly on transactions between the gods and plebs.

It is hardly a twitcher's fantasy, but frankly the play will always be a load of old birdseed about the use and abuse of democracy. Greenhorn has merely bent the best bits of Aristophanes - the vulgarity - into a Glaswegian-style comedy. Yes, the old bones of the play are still there, but here Peisetairus, a greedy Scottish demagogue, and his sidekick Euelpides, a shaggy-haired Proclaimer,



pitch up in birdland with an ingenious idea of how they can rule the planet. Set up a city in the sky - Skylarcadia - and tax everything in sight.

Winning over the birds, led by the stuttering Jay (Jem Wall) and the beaky Hoopoe (Tim Newton), is a victory of Robin Cameron's charm and battery over his feather-

brained recruits. In Gaynor Macfarlane's production the actors wear beaks made of copper wire and hop around stage as if they are in a sack race. Their real job is to be persuaded by Peisetairus that they can be gods and they duly succumb like sheep. It's a lot of jolly stuffing at the expense of tors, lawyers and immensely sick gods. But Cameron and Hamish Clark, as his unwilling lieutenant, walk away with the comedy.

Ti Green's designs are the most original contribution. There is really not a lot more to this evening. The choruses are beautifully sung set-pieces more Manhattan Transfer

than operetta, and easier on the ear. Greek scholars can argue the adaptation after the show; the rest of us ducklings can fly the nest secure in the knowledge that not all comedy needs wings, but in this particular instance, it helps.

> JAMES CHRISTOPHER

POP: A country singer with soul and sincerity; plus a band with a migraine and an addiction

the birds, government inspec-

Tears with the beers

Dale Watson Borderline, WI

WITH his matinee idol looks, extravagantly tattooed upper biceps and oakpanelled voice. Dale Watson is a country music star who belongs in a bygone era. Although the slim. 34year-old singer and guitarist from Austin, Texas, writes most of his songs, his fundamentalist approach has placed him beyond the reach of mainstream country tastes in the 1990s "I'm too country now for country, just like Johnny Cash," he sang on Nashville Rash, one of several points during his set when he railed against the betrayal of "real" country ideals by the new American country establishment.

Unlike other western swing revivalists, such as BR5-49, there was no trace of irony or knowing smirk in Watson's music, let alone in his personality. A

Southern patriot, who has a "Friend Club" because "to call you fans seems so impersonal", he is the kind of character that Hank Wangford has

made a career out of lampooning.

But Watson is the real deal. When he thanked his "friends" for bottles of beer delivered to the stage, and played every request in a marathon stretch of encores, his sense of courtesy and sincerity were unimpeachable.

So, too, was his performance. Backed by a band that could turn on a pin, featuring John Jorgenson (guitar), Ricky Davis (pedal steel) and Preston Rumbagh (upright bass and blissful harmony vocals). Watson cruised through a selection of numbers mostly taken from his three albums, all delivered in an easy conversational, yet richly burnished, tone that echoed such greats as Merle Haggard and Bob Wills.

'I hope beaven has a place/For those of us that lost our way", he sang on the unusually soulful ballad. Blessed Or Damned, which, like most of the songs, he embellished with haunting touches of deep-twanging guitar. For a moment you could almost hear the sound of tears hitting the beers in this cramped basement bar.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Needles and pains

HAVING just returned from Egypt and suffering woefully from Cairo belly, I was really fit only for bed. Instead, as the band was called Morphine and the best of their four albums is entitled Cure For Pain. I set off in search of a quick fix.

Morphine are not high in the feelgood" factor ratings. The American band's songs are of the life-is-amigraine school, inhabiting the dark alleys of dashed hopes and disappointed dreams. Their music is dense and claustrophobic, afraid of the daylight and without air-conditioning setting a sombre mood perfectly complemented by this low-ceilinged

black box of a venue. So why make the effort? Because Morphine are addictively adventur-

traditional rock trio format on its head by dispensing with guitar. With Mark Sandman playing two-string slide bass and Dana Colley growling menway's drumming.

their latest album. Sandman sounds like a cross between Lou Reed and Tom Waits, the slide bass hits the pit of the stomach. Colley's baritone barks eruffly and the effect is cool and hypnotic not quite rock, blues, funk or jazz but a lo-fi adventure that is uniquely Morphine.

The songs are sparse and short, shot through with flashes of black humour. Wishing Well and Swing It Low are dark and poetic expressions of hopelessness. Much of the material came from the new album, but old favourites from Cure For Pain included In Spite Of Me, full of self-loathing. and All Wrong, which seems to encapsulate the Morphine world view

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Duncan Lamont on the draw for lawyers of a second profession in finance, sport and politics







Lawyers all: Brian Moore, the England hooker, top, Clive Anderson, the TV quiz-show host, and First Ladies Hillary Clinton and Cherie Blair

Career double trouble

over, Britain has mocracy led by a lawyer. Not only are Tony Blair and Bill Clinton lawyers, but they are married to lawyers and their wives earn far more than they

This is no coincidence: lawyers are now found everywhere. Despite the increase in legal actions — and after 50, as Gore Vidal said, litigation for some takes the place of sex lawyers are not staying in the courts but taking on new challenges.

Mr Blair has already proved himself the master of the television soundbite, despite the efforts of all those other barristers in Parliament. from the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes to the Tory Michael Howard, to catch him out, In Washington, President Clinton leads the way in using legal wiles and forensic smarm to avoid tricky issues. Not for him the brusqueness of old-timers such as President Lyndon Johnson, who in the 1960s barked at a reporter: "You ask the leader of the Western world a chicken shit question like that?"

Yet Tony and Bill, and their brilliant lawyer wives, are only the most prominent of legal brains who have achieved high status - and salaries - in areas far from the courts. The Clinton team are already known as "Billary", but the jury is still out on what to call the Blair

From big business to showbusiness, lawyers are increasingly making key decisions

rather than advising on the legal implications from the sidelines. Robert Alexander, QC, one of the most successful commercial silks at the Bar. was lured by the opportunities as head of National Westminster Bank and a career in the heart of the City. The excitement of high finance deprived the judiciary of one of its most able candidates.

An old-time tycoon such as John Pierpont Morgan was able to snap: "I don't want a lawyer to tell me what I cannot do; I hire him to tell me how to do what I want to do." Now, though, lawyers are no longer content to be attendant lords;

Lawyers have always been in politics — Prime , Ministers Gladstone Disraeli and Thatcher were members of Lincoln's Inn — but in the past lawyers could com-bine forensic skills with other areas of excellence. All this is changing. The pressures of practice mean that lawyers increasingly have to

choose just one career. In his autobiography, former England rugby hooker Brian Moore, now a partner at solicitors Edward Lewis in London, explains the problems in combining a legal career with one as a top-class sportsman. It was not easy to do both in the 1980s, and Moore feels that the pressure of preparing a huge House of Lords case affected his performances on the pitch.

In the new age of rugby professionalism, few can be both lawyers and first-class sportsmen. Bath's dynamic wing, Simon Geoghegan, 28, rejected all offers to become a full-time professional, believing "there is more to life than chasing a rugby ball about". He combines a part-time contract with Bath with his job as a solicitor with Rosling & King in London, but the chance of future sporty lawyers doing

bleak. Geoghegan says if he were starting out now, there is "no way I would have been able to qualify as a solicitor". The sports and commercial James O'Donnell played senior rugby in his

home country of Ireland for

the same at the top levels looks

'Nowadays the pressures of practice mean that lawyers increasingly have to choose just one career'

> Wanderers FC, based in Dublin. While a trainee solicitor, he combined law with training as a javelin thrower, having represented his country and aspiring to compete in the 1992 Olympics. He usually "finished work at 6pm and could train for a couple of hours in the evenings". An injury made him switch to rugby.

On qualifying, and with growing work pressures, he could still play rugby at a senior level as it was then an amateur sport. He moved to London in 1996 but hopes of continuing senior-level rugby

while working as a lawyer then switched to the Webberwere dashed. Douglas Academy of Dramat-"Without coming to some ic Art and is now an actor exceptional arrangement with whose television appearances your firm." he says, "the fierce include This Life and The

Little Picture Show. iob pressures in the City and But lawyers heading for the brave new world of politics should beware. For every the unpredictable late hours in the evening when working on deals, combined with the commitment demanded by the Gandhi there is a Lee Kuan professional game, makes it Yew, the Cambridge law graduate and first Prime Minister almost impossible to be involved in top-class sport." of Singapore who led an In the past, television, with authoritarian regime after its more relaxed schedules for

rehearsal, has allowed law-

yers to master more than one

trade. Clive Anderson was

able to mix his fame in Whose

Line Is It Anyway? with prac-

tice as a barrister, al-

though what his clerk

thought of his time

spent in a televised rail-

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na remains a matter of

conjecture. But media

success has deprived the

legal profession of some of its brightest recruits.

Sandy Toksvig, also of Whose Line Is It Any-

way?, took a law degree

but escaped the law by

becoming a stand-up comic.

that there is no longer an

inclination to practise when

greater rewards can be obtained in other ways. John Mortimer, QC, created the remarkable Rumpole from

years of court experience — a

character who achieved the

feat of being as famous in the

Sports, comedy - these are

not the only escape routes open to lawyers. Nicholas Sidi

spent two years as a solicitor at

Stephenson Harwood, but

offering seven trainee places

Holmes in Baker Street.

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Authors have also found

coming to power in 1950. Tony and Bill should remember that Richard Nixon was also a highly successful lawyer and, mindful of the fate of so many Tory lawyer MPs on May I, should not let their forensic skills become too rusty. Like Simon Geoghegan. they may find the day job

worth keeping. ■ The author is a media solicitor at Biddle & Co.

The language of legal rights

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drafting the European Convention on Human Rights. Now the convention is coming home. The Government has announced its intention to legislate for incorporation into domestic law, and ministers will need to learn from the errors of their predecessors that a Commons majority does not confer unfettered executive power.

From 1987 to 1997, the greatest achieve-ments of Lord Mackay of Clashfern as Lord Chancellor were to appoint and promote skilled and independent judges irrespective of their political views, and to remove the fetters on the judiciary expressing their views out of court. The irony is that in the past ten years the judiciary applied its intellect, and enhanced self-confidence, to explain, in court and out, how Lord Mackay's colleagues in

John Major's Cabinet (and even, on one occasion, Lord Mackay himself) had adopted policies which exceeded the proper boundaries of executive discretion.

The arrival of a Labour Government is unlikely to remove all tension in the relationship between judges and politicians. Lawyers who practise in the field of judicial review can be confident that arbitrary and unfair decisionmaking will not entirely van-ish. Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, wrote in 1986; "When I die there may be found burnt on my heart the names Laker. Congreve. Tameside and Crossman, just to name a few of my defeats" when acting as Treasury counsel for the last

next few years

Labour Government of 1974-79. But there is optimism that, in legal affairs, the worst mistakes of Mr Major's administration can be avoided. Two important new books analyse the role that the judiciary has been performing, and is likely to perform in the

In Trial of Strength, The Battle between Ministers and Judges Over Who Makes the Law (Richard Cohen Books, £17.99), Joshua Rozenberg describes, with the impartiality and accessibility which characterise his work as legal correspondent of the BBC, many of the recent disagreements over policy and principle which led to court defeats and public disputes with the judiciary.

As the Government takes its first difficult decisions, there is no better guide to the legal problems faced by its predecessor, and the extent to which ministers were responsible for their own legal embarrassments. As Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker was found to have acted in contempt of court by ignoring a judicial decision prohibiting the removal from the United Kingdom of an asylum-seeker. Many other adverse judicial decisions against the last Government were the result of a lack of ministerial respect for the law. Instead of resolving not to adopt policies of doubtful legality, the Government's approach was to see whether it could get away with it. Very often, it did not.

One of the most significant features of public law over the past decade has been the willingness of the judiciary to recognise and apply human rights in deciding hard cases. The new Government's intention to enact a Bill of Rights, incorporating the European convention into domestic law, will ensure that human rights are at the centre of English law for the foreseeable future. So there could be no more appropriate subject for the first book to be published by a new legal publisher. Hart Publishing of Oxford, than

Using Human Rights Law in English Courts (£30) by the barrister Murray

Mr Hunt explains that the UK's recognition of the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights, and our membership of the European Union, have changed the constitutional norms that previously governed legal thinking. Parliament is no longer supreme. In a sophisticated analvsis of constitutional case law and theory. Mr Hunt contends that courts should recognise an "interpretive obligation to construe domestic law so as to conform with international human rights norms".

Mr Hunt argues that the case law demonstrates a "transformation of English public law from a sovereignty-

derived system of rules to a more rightsbased constitutionalism". He describes how, after passing through the stages of ignoring human rights and then having regard to them only in cases of ambiguity, English judges have discovered that the common law and the European convention are similar in content on many topics.

Although he overestimates the capacity of the common law to protect human rights without the domestic incorporation of the convention, his work will make an important contribution towards educating those judges and lawyers who need to learn the language of legal rights to make the new Bill of Rights

Shakespeare's Henry V tells his Chief Justice that "my voice shall sound as you do prompt mine ear". The incorporation of the convention will not, and should not, confer such power on today's judiciary. But it will help to ensure that ministers less frequently take decisions they are not able to explain and justify in court.

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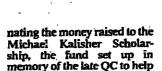
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The two-year term of Anne Rafferty, QC, as chairman of the association has just ended. For many, she will be remembered for her stinging attacks in the CBA newsletter against aspects of Mr Howard's crime

It is too early to say whether her successor, Roy Amlot, QC will have a similar relationship with Jack Straw. Away from the office, Ms Rafferty, with members of her 4 Brick Court chambers fellow barrister Roger Smart and clerk Helen Davey competed in the Wilde Sapte City of London road race last week. The chambers are do-



a bright young barrister. The overall winner was Chris Beecham from Legalease, the publishers (3.5 miles in 16.20 minutes). Leading lawyers in the race were Giles Clifford of Freshfields, who finished in 16.35 minutes, and



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Irvine's change THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, has pleased consumer groups by announcing that he favours a change in the law to allow them to bring "representative actions" in the courts. A working group will soon draw up a paper for consultation.

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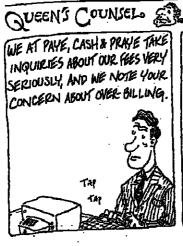
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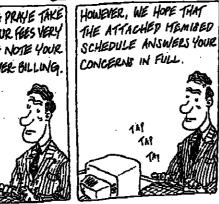
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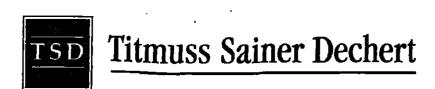
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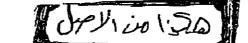
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Gary Slapper ritain has one of the highest rates of racialy morivated crime in Western Europe, according to a recent report by the

international organisation Hu-man Rights Watch. The number of annual incidents has trebled over the past seven years, the three-year study At the same time, breaches of

race relations law by employers proliferate, with the problem also reaching into schools, as the recent case of Hytham Hamad shows. Mr Hamad was awarded £4,000 in compensation against one of Britain's oldest public schools after it failed to deal with an appalling and virulent racist crusade against him by other pupils. The Government is ready to

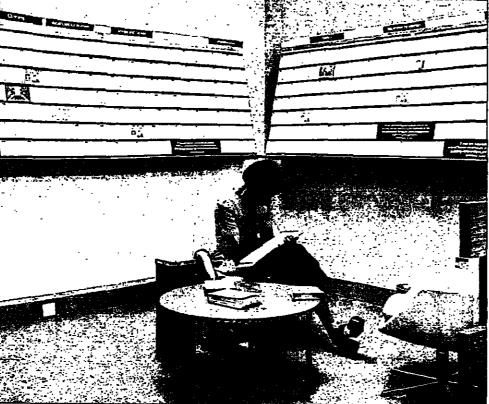
act and has announced that it will use the Crime and Disorder Bill to legislate for new crimes of "racial harassment" and "racially motivated violence". But how effective can the law be in promoting enlightened attitudes?

The plethora of provisions outlawing racist behaviour already includes the Race Relations Act 1976, which makes it unlawful to discriminate racially, directly or indirectly, against people at work, or, as the Hamad case shows, in places such as schools. The Act has been strengthened by a recent Court of Appeal ruling.

Raymondo Jones was frequently taunted with racist remarks and physically abused at the engineering factory in the Midlands where he worked.

In confirming that Mr Jones should receive £5,000 in compensation. Lord Justice Waite stated that narrow conceptions of the law, which would have exculpated the employer from the unauthorised acts of the workers, should be ignored.

The Race Relations Act's purpose was, he observed, to "deter



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racial ... harassment in the workplace by widening the net of responsibility beyond the guilty employees themselves by making all employers additionally liable", subject to a defence that they had taken all reasonable steps to stop the harass-

Racist conduct can also be tackled with laws such as the Malicious Communications Act 1988 (where letters or other articles have been sent to cause distress or anxiety), and the Football (Offences) Act 1991. which deals with racist chant-ing at football matches. Councils can use local government legislation to deal with racist tenants; in the 12 months to May 1996, 33 councils in London took successful legal action against tenants who had racially harassed their neighbours. Sixteen councils won 16 possession orders and 47 injunctions.

It is also an offence under the Public Order Act 1986, punishable with up to six months' imprisonment, to use threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct, or to distribute or display any writing, sign or representation that is threatenabusive or insulting.

related offence criminatised insulting or threatening or disorderly behaviour, or the use of signs within the sight or hearing of a person likely to cause harassment, alarm or

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distress. The 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act added yet another offence to the list. This new crime, aimed chiefly at racist agitators, is the intentional causing of harassment, alarm or distress.

It does not, however, specifically mention race - an omission Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, wants to address.

There is also the Public Order Act, with its six offences covering those who commit acts - including possessing materials

and presenting plays - that are likely to stir up racial hatred.

On top of all that, the current Code for Crown Prosecutors states that factors which will increase the likelihood of an incident resulting in prosecution include the offence of being "motivated by any form of discrimination against the victim's

ethnic or national origin". Despite all these laws, many people from ethnic minorities still face the major problem of the more transient but injurious incidence of racial harassment - defined by the Commission

for Racial Equality as verbal or physical violence towards individuals or groups on grounds of colour, race, nationality or ethnic origin. It includes attacks on property as well as people.

The police have to keep records of any incidents where a racial motive is apparent. Based on a large-scale survey, Home Office's British Crime Survey found 130,000 racially motivated incidents in 1991, of which 89,000 were against people from black groups. These included 52,000 threats, 26,000 acts of vandalism and 32,000 assaults. It appears that such incidents are greatly under-reported or under-recorded by the police, whose records for 1995-96 show 12,222 racial incidents.

Just how far any new offence of racially motivated crime can act as a deterrent to racist thugs is open to question. What is clear is that in the time that this battery of civil and criminal racist offences has been created. the phenomenon has grown alarmingly. The Human Rights Watch report focuses not only on the thousands of assaults. but also on 14 racist murders committed between 1991 and 1994, and the deaths in custody of ten black people.

When laws first came in to curtail racist conduct, they were treated sceptically by the judiciary. Where there was any doubt about whether a provision applied, the personal freedom of racists to discriminate or insult prevailed. In 1974, Anthony Sherrington

had been refused a drink in a dockers' club in Preston, Lancashire, with the words "We do not serve coloured people". Mr Sherrington was an associate member of the club and the question was whether such members (there were about a million) were "a section of the public" that the law said could not be discriminated against. The House of Lords said they were not, ruling in favour of the

The attitude of the judiciary has progressed since then, with the previous Lord Chancellor reaffirming the need for judicial sensitivity on matters of race and religion, and cautioning trial judges who made racist remarks.

Judicial attitudes aside, fear within ethnic minorities remains. A recent survey for the Home Office found that 38 per cent of Asians were very worried about being the victims of racial attacks. Public debate and educative broadcasting and schooling are likely to have more of an impact than anything achievable by throwing yet more law at the problem. Dr Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law at Staffordshire University.

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hat will the new Government do to housing and planning laws? As protesters prepare for a housing battle over plans for a proposed new town in the heart of Hampshire, the annual Cities International Conference comes to London this week. Seen by many as the most influential forum on urban management and development, it is a lawyers' honeypot and a prime talking point will be the effect on planning and development of the new Labour administration.

There is a consensus already among top planning lawyers that Labour will bring a new pragmatism to planning decisions. Housing will be the big issue and according to Margaret Casely-Hayford of solicitors Denton Hall it will be John Selwyn Gummer-with-realism".

The Denton Hall view. shared by many other leading planning lawyers, is that the previous Government's commitment to putting 75 per cent of new housing on brownfield sites is unimplementable". Instead, if the target of 4.4 million houses is to be achieved, there is bound to be considerable pressure to go for greenfield sites.

This is where much of the work for planning lawyers will come from. Nicholas Taylor of the solicitors Berwin Leighton has been engaged for some time on the development of a new "city"

at Ebbsfleet, part of the Thames Gateway in Kent. He emphasises the importance of Labour's requirements for the integration of jobs, transport, leisure and homes to achieve "sustainability". However, he also expects that a

number of conflicts will arise from this which will need to be sorted out by lawyers. In particular, the preference by Labour to leave more decision-making to local councils may lead to problems if councillors resist new proposals on "not in my backyard" principles.

David Cooper of Gouldens, rated as one of the top planning lawyers in London, says: "We're a nation of Nimbys and that's how I make my money." The built-in kneejerk reaction to any development constantly spawns new objectors, and increases demands for lawyers' services. Mr Cooper is wondering whether the new masters of Whitehall will reduce the number of "call-ins" and whether they really will allow more

decisions to be taken locally.

Typical of the kind of dilemma that is likely to arise concerns the development of wind power. David Goodman of the solicitors Hammond Suddards has developed a significant wind farm practice and has learnt that there tends to be huge opposition to this kind of development, henign as it may be as a renewable energy resource.

Clients such as National Windpower and PowerGen are interested in developing sites but the public and councils tend not to like them. Environmentally good but unpopular with some of the electors, wind farms embody the poison pill of future planning decisions which Labour must ingest.

Mr Goodman believes that transport too will remain a chronic problem. The

need to ensure that when new settlements are developed they are properly served by road and rail links could mean that battles over new development will be even more protracted as councils fight developers not just over the new building but the infrastructure as

To deal with these cases he believes that action must be taken to reduce the length of the legal wrangles. We need innovative solutions," he says. "For example, I would be interested in the creation of some kind of alternative dispute resolution system."

Meanwhile, there is still the legacy of the past to be dealt with. Nicholas Taylor at Berwin Leighton is waiting for a decision on the Birmingham northern relief road and there are also a number of out-of-town shopping centre proposals still in the pipeline.

All of these uncertainties are sure to be good for lawyers. Denton Hall has brought together its planners with its public law specialists to create an integrated team. This offers considerable potential given the increasing importance, for example, of public finance initiatives in the development of roads.

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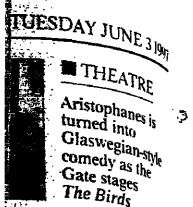
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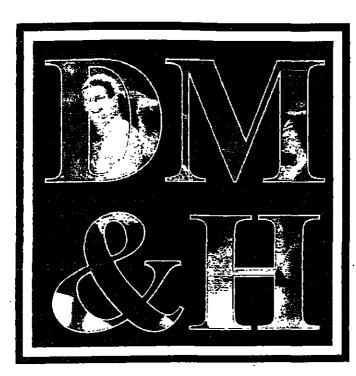
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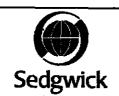
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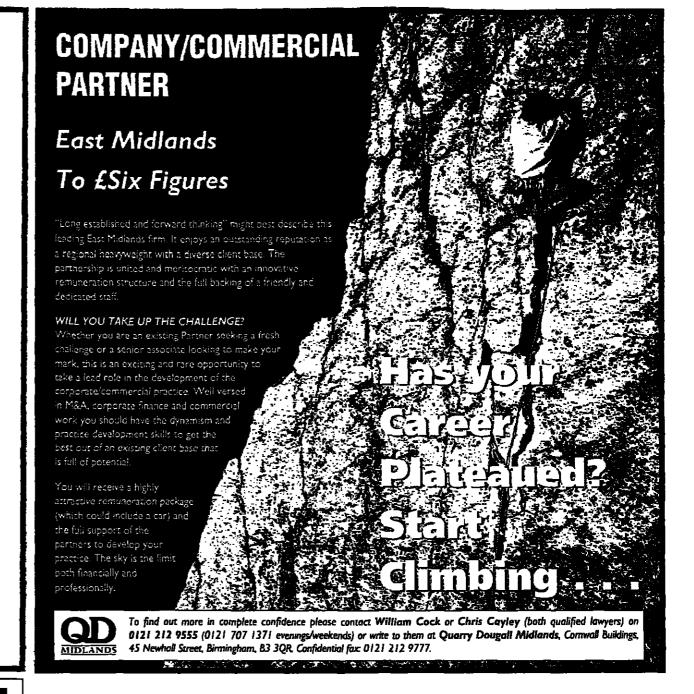
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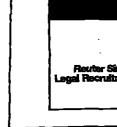
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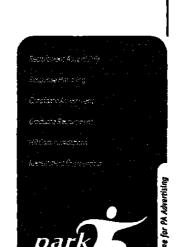
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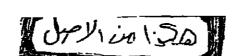
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Lions pack gets down to business

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break that."

THE players may have a distinct say in the running of this British Isles tour of South Africa, but Jim Telfer, the forwards coach, was still cracking the whip at Loftus Versfeld Stadium here yesterday. For the first time on tour, the forwards who will play Mpumalanga tomorrow spent a lengthy period working the compressed-air scrummaging machine that accompanies the Lions everywhere.

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The significance of the scrum, which has declined at home over the past decade, has never lost its magic for South African sides and the Lions have been surprised by the intensity with which their

Diamond's early call

Steve Diamond, the Sale hooker, will play for England against Cuyo in Mendoza loday, three hours after arriving in Argentina as a replacement for Phil Greening, who was concussed in the first international on Saturday.

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opponents scrummage, and by the fact that the new laws create twice the number of scrums as there are lineouts.

In none of the three matches has the Lions pack imposed itself, and it took all of Robert Howley's considerable skill to convert poor scrummage possession into useable ball against Western Province on Saturday. Hence the 45 minutes and some 30 scrums against the £8,000 machine, which recorded a substantial improvement on the work of

two weeks ago. We identified the problem on Saturday and went some way to correcting it during the



the eye and described his action as underhand. "John Bentley came to me when he read that disgraceful comment by Small in the paper and said it was absolute nonsense," Fran Cotton, the tour manager, said.

face and refused to acknowl-

edge Bentley's proffered hand

at the end, but the incident will

Small claimed that the En-

glishman "fingered" him in

be taken no further.

The departure of the injured Paul Grayson for home last night left the Lions happy that they could restore Neil Jenkins to his club position of stand-off half tomorrow and give Nick Beal a run at full back, Beal's tendinitis troubled him less yesterday and he played a full part in training, alongside Matt Dawson and Paul Wallace, who will make their first full appearances of the tour.

The South Africa selectors have dropped three established players - Hennie le Roux, Kobus Wiese and Henry Tromp - in naming a squad of 27 for the match against Tonga on June 10 and the three internationals with the Lions. Mark Andrews has still to prove his fitness.

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seven-game National Basketball Associ-

Dennis Rodman, of Chicago Bulls, collects ation finals against Utah Jazz in Chicago on a rebound during the first match of the Sunday. The Bulls, who have taken the title four times since 1991, won the match 84-82

Leonhardsen joins Liverpool

LIVERPOOL have completed the signing of Oyvind Leonhardsen from Wimbledon for £4 million (David Maddock writes). Leonhardsen, the Norway midfield player, broke off from duty for his country to fly to Merseyside yesterday to sign a fouryear contract worth more than

The transfer reunites Leonhardsen with Stig Inge Bjornebye and Bjorn Tore Kvarme, who were teammates at Rosenborg, the Norwegian club, three seasons ago. "It is a dream move for me," Leonhardsen, 26, said. "My favourite players were

El million.

Dalglish and Liverpool was the one club in England that I have longed to play for."

Benfica have completed the signing of Scott Minto, the Chelsea defender, who has come to the end of his contract at Stamford Bridge, but Arsenal appear to have failed in their attempt to sign Marc Overmars, the Holland international winger, who seems bound for Real Beris, of Spain.

Will van Hanegem, a former World Cup finalist with Holland, had talks yesterday with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, about the vacant managerial position at Goodison. Rumours persist, Kevin Keegan and Kenny however, that George Gra- possible."

Leeds United to take over.

Brighton are likely to play the first few games of next season at Gillingham after all. The club's new board has been unable to reach an agreement with the Hove Greyhound Stadium but negotiations are taking place with Crawley Council with a view to using the town's new Broadfield Stadium.

Dick Knight, the Brighton chairman-elect, said: "Nobody wants to go to Gillingham but we will if we have to, to meet our League obligations. We will bring the club back to Brighton as soon as humanly

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CHAMPNEYS

CRICKET: VISITING CAPTAIN CALLS OFF RUN CHASE AT NEW ROAD AFTER FALL OF FIFTH WICKET

Somerset fail to seize fleeting chances

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (lOpts) drew with Somerset (10)

TWICE, yesterday, this torpid game offered the suggestion of a positive, natural conclusion that it scarcely deserved. On both occasions, it proved illusory and the draw that had been likely since the pedantic progress of the first two days was agreed with six overs unused. It ended unmourned, a shoddy advertisement for championship cricket.

As it was Somerset who created both winning openings, their decision to close down the game after tea was disappointingly premature, if symptomatic of a match in which both teams were guilty

Nottinghamshire have turned their attention to Nathan Astle, the New Zealand top-order batsman, as they seek to sign an overseas player before they meet Northamptonshire tomor-row. Astle, 25. is contracted to Accrington, the Lancashire League club, whose officials were meeting last night to discuss whether to release him. Nottinghamshire are prepared to pay Accrington compensation.

of unadventurous cricket on an admittedly discouraging

The bowling of Mushtaq Ahmed and the batting of Rob Turner provided the fleeting promises of the day. In the morning, Mushtag suddenly found turn and bounce, taking three quick wickets. Had he gone on to extinguish the innings with three more. Somerset's target would have been straightforward.

As it was, they had to depend upon a declaration but, nevertheless, set off in pursuit of 277 in 55 overs with what began as commendable vigour but became misguided bravado. In turn, they promot-

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex

(24pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by

THERE was the odd moment when

Mike Gatting adopted his time-

honoured teapot pose, hands on hins.

elbows jutting, beard bristling below a

look that said: "What's going on 'ere.

then?" However, once it was over, he

had nothing but praise for the way that

Mark Ramprakash handled his first

match since taking over the Middlesex

smoothly. Ramprakash won an impor-

tant toss that paved the way for three

centuries - one for Kallis, the overseas

player, one for himself and one for the

former captain - and a Middlesex

total of 531. Then he had all the time he

needed to bowl Northamptonshire out

twice for an emphatic victory secured

"I thought he did a tremendous job."

Gatting said. "It is always difficult

when you first take over because there

are so many people offering you all

sorts of advice, but he knew what he

wanted to do, he worked it out for

himself and he went ahead and did it."

in the second over after lunch.

It could hardly have gone more

an innings and 57 runs

captaincy.

their three aggressors - and when all three were out before tea, they had no heavy artillery for the decisive session.

The pitch played a full part in proceedings. It was stultifyingly slow on the early days. Yesterday, when it quickened up, neither side was capable of holding the initiative.

Mushtaq had a curious

match. Doubtless, he will take plenty of wickets this summer once pitches begin to wear but he began his 58th over here with figures of nought for 129. In his next 37 balls he claimed three for 20, dismissing Leatherdale, Solanki and Haynes with balls that surprised, simply by departing from conformity. Haynes, who is fast making

up for the loss of last season to injury, had scored his second half-century of the game when caught at slip off a glove. Worcestershire were then only 233 ahead with more than four hours remaining but Rhodes, the acting captain, came stoutly to the rescue as he has so often down the years. By the time he chose to declare, another hour had passed and the prospects of a decent finish had sharply diminished. To their credit, Somerset initially responded aggressively but their reshuffling of the order was so comprehensive as to be self-defeating.

Burns was out to a shocking stroke, his head in the clouds, but Turner, having already made an unbeaten 83 on Saturday, then made 47 off 34 balls. His second-wicket stand with Lathwell was worth 71 in eight overs of controlled attack but Somerset's platform then collapsed beneath them as three wickets fell on the same score, two of them to the influential Haynes.

Somerset abandoned the chase immediately and Worcestershire, without the injured Newport, had insufficient resources to trouble them as Bowler was content to play out the final two hours of a deeply unsatisfactory match.

Captain Ramprakash

meets with approval

By PAT GIBSON



Harden, of Somerset, is bowled comprehensively after falling to make contact when driving at Leatherdale

Waqar curtails Morris's defiance

By Barney Spender

CARDIFF (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Durham (4) by an innings and eight runs

WITH an admirably civilised eye for timing, Waqar Younis ended Durham's resistance five minutes before lunch to wrap up Glamorgan's second win of the season and launch them to the top of the county championship yesterday.

Whether they will still be there on September 22 remains to be seen, but, on the evidence of their cricket thus far, they certainly ought to be among the leading pack. The key is in the balance of

It will not always be so straightfor

ward as it was against a Northampton-

Snape caught behind. This was Fra-

ser's first wicket of the match, and only

his sixth of the season, but, when the

new ball was taken, he had to give way

to Johnson and Hewitt, who quickly

the left hand before Hewitt had him

beautifully picked up at second slip

and Johnson had Taylor caught be-

hind. Follett stayed long enough for Ripley to complete a defiant fifty, but

then charged so far down the pitch

against Tufnell that Brown had time to

drop the ball and pick it up again

before stumping him.

Johnson struck Capel painfully on

repaid Ramprakash's faith in them.

only four wickets remaining.

the side, which sees a powerful batting line-up, including the country's leading run-scorers in Steve James and Hugh Morris, and an attack capable of bowling sides out on all

The experience of Steve Watkin and Robert Croft, who took two wickets each yesterday, is now supplemented by the youthful promise of Darren Thomas and Dean Cosker, while the acquisition of Waqar has provided the rapier. He took seven wickets in this match, including Boon in both innings. Yesterday he took his second-innings contribution to four for 56, his best return so far for his new county, as he collected the

wickets

important scalps of Martin Speight and John Morris, although not before the latter had completed his first hundred for Durham since Sep-

Durham started the day with genuine hopes of survival. On a good pitch, they were 110 runs away from making Glamorgan bat again and they had six wickets in hand. with Morris well set on 84. In the event, however, only he showed the permanence needed to delay what quickly became the inevitable.

In the fourth over. Boiling edged Croft to Cottey at slip. and three overs later a ball from Waqar kept low and crashed into Speight's stumps. Watkin entered the fray to collect two wickets in successive overs and when the last pair threatened to take the game into the afternoon with a stubborn partnership of 44. Waqar was summoned to

complete the job. Morris showed glimpses of the player he was when he played for England, and if this innings marks a lasting return form, then Durham, already pleased with Michael Foster's maiden century on Saturday, will take something positive from the game.

Morris's hundred arrived with a short-arm pull off Croft and he raced on to 149 before a flick off Waqar went to Cottey

shire 252 runs in 27 overs, which they did in 71 minutes. The set-up had two consolations: the first that it was quickly over, the second that because nobody was trying to take a wicket, there were none of those deafening cries of exhostation that make it tempting to take ear-plugs to a

As Knight and Hemp swallowed their pride to help themselves to hundreds, however, the innings highlighted the inconsistency of the conventions governing a declaration game. If it is accepted that batsmen do the bowling to save the bowlers' figures, how

raking in the proceeds?

Heroics of Hayden just fail to engineer first victory

By JOHN THICKNESSE

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Hampshire (7pts) drew with Warwickshire (9)

A WONDERFUL display of stamina and strength by Matthew Hayden seemed to have lined up Hampshire for their first championship win of the season. But with the winning post in his sights, and having been on the field for every minute of a match then 244 hours old, the 6ft 5in Australian was caught off a skyer attempting a straight six, leaving Hampshire's door ajar at

Through Ashley Giles and Graeme Welch, Warwickshire efficiently prised it open. The pair shared three wickets for 12 runs to reduce Hampshire to 260 for nine. with the last-wicket pair needing to bat for 43 balls to save the game. To heighten the drama, Derek Kenway. 18. was playing his first match in county cricket.

The ordeal lasted 28 minutes, with every fielder round the bat in the last few overs. but they survived with style and courage. It was much to Warwickshire's credit that every player made a point of shaking hands with Kenway and his partner. Jim Bovill, at the end. Kenway faced 49 balls and Bovill 20.

By entertaining a small crowd to the close, and enabling Hayden, 25, to become only the nineteenth man to make a double-hundred and a hundred in a championship match, against bowlers, be it noted, trying to get him out, it showed that even the most outlandish last-day bunfight can have merit

But for Knight and Robin Smith putting their heads together, the only thing that might have given the day point lay in Hayden, who was 235 not out, beating Brian Lara's world record individual score of 501 not out. It looked as though it might have come to that. But Knight reconsidered his first offer and the target shrank to 235 off 72. All Hampshire had to do was force-feed Warwick-

modern county cricket match.

can top-order batsmen justify

Hayden, straight-driving, cutting and swinging hard and high to leg, made Hampshire favourites by scoring 66 in the hour after tea. But with 87 more needed in 13 overs, he got too far under an attempt to lift Giles over long-off and holed out. Philip Mead, in 1923, was the last Hampshire batsman to make a 200 and a 100 in the same match.

BOWLING Batt 19-4-56-4; Thursfield 11-3-36-2; Rao 6-0-35-0; Phillips 3-1-15-0; Bates 16 2-3-47-4

SUSSEX: First Innings 203 for 5 dec (T A Radiord 58 not out)

BOWLING: Averis 14.3-2-40-0; Patel 8-0-34-0; Wright 10-3-55-0; Wagh 14-1-63-1; Fullon 3-0-12-0; Byrne 1-0-10-0

69 . 83

Second imnings *N J Lenham b Wagh

R K Rao not out . Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 6, nb 12)

T A Radford not out

Total (1 wkt)FALL OF WICKET: 1-68.

Wells again runs deep in faltering pursuit of Lancashire

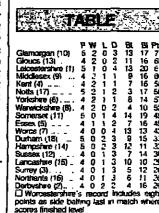
By Jack Battey

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (11pts) drew with Lancashire (10)

THE combination of Lancashire's spinners, a pitch that at last allowed turn and a target of 331 from a possible 71 overs proved all too much for Leicestershire's good intentions. Vince Wells completed a grand match for him by scoring a century to go with his first-innings 95, but even when he was striving to push the score along. Leicestershire fell behind the clock. With three overs remaining, both sides settled for a draw.

the fringes of the hunt when Neil Johnson, who made 150 in the first innings, joined Wells, who was in sight of his century. Now, though, John-son found the task of taking on Keedy and Yates far more difficult than anything he had experienced in this match.

With Johnson bogged down, Wells had to make more of the running than could reasonably be expected. He hit across the line against Yates and Johnson soon followed to a pearutiful catch by Lloyd at long-on, leaving Leicestershire to get 129 from 16 overs. When Whitaker fell to an amazing one-handed effort on the boundary by the portly Aus-



tin. Leicestershire settled for H points and third place in the championship. Lancashire had done enough to leap from the bottom of the table.

Atherton's declaration set up an admirably fair run chase, asking Leicestershire to score at about five an over This might have seemed a taller order had I lovd not been seen to deal with the honest endeavours of a Leicestershire attack comprising, chiefly, Parsons and Pierson. There were already signs of turn for Pierson

Such was the ease with which Lloyd banished allcomers to all parts, though, that it was easy to underestimate the size of Leicestershire's task. Not only was Lloyd's century, from 73 balls, the fastest genuine hundred of the season, but the two previous fastest also belonged

to him. Some notion of Lloyd's surefooted belligerence may be gauged from the fact that his second fifty came from 25 balls. In all, he hit seven sixes - five of them off the perspiring Parsons - and six fours. There may be surer strikers of the ball, but you will have to go a long way to find them.

IN BRIEF

Dunlop back on track after Manx victory

JOEY DUNLOP, 45, from Ballymoney, won the 250cr lightweight TT race on the Isle of Man yesterday and subsequently changed his mind about making an early exit from the motorcycling festival. which was suggested after he finished sixth in the Formula One race on Saturday.

☐ Sailing: After a good per formance in the pre-world championship regatta last week in which Bradamante finished sixth, John Merricks and his crew got down to the Mumm 30 world championships proper yesterday and were lying fourth after three races at Punta Ala, Italy.

☐ Hockey: Korea scored two late goals to sink Great Britain's hopes of earning their first points in the Champions Trophy when they won 20 in Berlin yesterday.

☐ Bowls: Paul Daly and Keith Taylor, products of the Ireland Under-25 side will make their full international debuts in the home international series at Worthing from June 30 to July 4.

IRELAND: Rink 1: M Nun, J Paterson, J Honry, S Allon Rink 2: Q Deray, M Greenfield, N Booth, P Smyth Rink 3: Y Daliss, J Ross, B Thompson, N Garbieri, Rink 5: P Daly, D Gardiner, Perurson Rink 5: P Daly, D Gardiner, J McClure, G McClay, Rink 8: C Cost, J

Gough cuts **Essex** down to size

ILFORD (final day of four): Yorkshire (23pts) beat Essex (6) by two wickets

shire side that fell a long way short of DARREN GOUGH drove its potential, but there was still plenty to admire about the way Ramprakash out of Valentine's Park at the handled his bowlers, even yesterday wheel of his open-top sports car with a nonchalant air when Northamptonshire still needed 147 to avoid an innings defeat, with yesterday (Simon Wilde writes). He had just finished a good — and short — day's He began with Fraser bowling work by cutting Peter Such to downwind from the Nursery End and Tufnell operating, unusually for him, the boundary to seal victory with the pavilion at his back, and it for Yorkshiré. Life is unlikely was Fraser who broke a stubborn to be as simple against Ausseventh-wicket stand of 52 when he had tralia later this week.

The match resumed with no scope for carelessness: Yorkshire, on 270 for eight, needed six runs to win. Essex two wickets. The onerous task of bowling the first over fell to Grayson, who conceded two singles, before Silverwood took another single off Such's first ball and Gough hit his second for four.

"It was the best game I have ever played in," David Byas, the Yorkshire captain, said. "A tie would have been a fair

Radford ushers Sussex to comfortable victory

By DEREK HODGSON

THE PARKS (final day of three):

SUSSEX'S untried side duly completed a comprehensive victory 13 overs after tea, with an hour to spare. Their two young bowlers, Chris Batt and Justin Bates, will have been happy with six and five wickets respectively on what has been a good pitch and a fast outfield. The new batsman, James Pyemont, had less opportunity and the only cloud over the match for the visitors was a recurrence of a side strain for James Kirtley, the county's fast-bowling hope, but he will test

Sussex beat Oxford University by nine

himself with the second team at Rocester tomorrow. The University began a sunny but windy morning with a lead of 154. Caps and hats flew and dust swirled across from used pitches. The surface was worn and any hopes that Mark Wagh may have entertained of building a big enough lead for a declaration were dispelled by the early bowling of Batt

and Bates. Batt's height, and a vigorous leftarm angle of attack, made the odd ball bounce awkwardly. Bates was able to

extract turn from the Pavilion end and the net result was the fall of the last five wickets for 67. James Bull was tempted outside the off stump; Chetan Patel was snatched at short leg: Larry Buchanan nicked to second slip - a good catch - and it was left to James Averis and Alex Scrini to prevent a conclusion by mid-afternoon.

The pair added 53 in 15 overs, to which Scrini contributed to. Averis would make a lusty No 8 in most batting orders and as he is averaging 38, he must surely win a promotion before the University match next month. His 42 came off 48 balls and he struck seven fours, a defiant innings in difficult circumstances.

Averis was finally beaten by a drifter from Bates and Sussex set off, with six overs to lunch, needing 222 for victory. Neil Lenham had scored 44 out of 68 when he looked to drive off Wagh and was bowled. Thereafter Toby Radford continued the batting practice that he had enjoyed in the first innings, a task made easier when Patel departed with a side strain. He and Raiesh Rao were unbeaten in a stand of 154 and there was little that the University could do about it.

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Total (8 wkts) 277
FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-26, 3-165, 4229, 5-232, 6-235, 7-235, 8-266
BOWLING Bort 10-3-30-2, Cowen 6-130-0; Such 34-2-7-94-5; Grayson 22-079-1, S.G. Law 5-0-23-0 Umpires: G Sharp and J F Steek Glamorgan v Durham CARDIFF (final day of lour): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Durham (4) by an irrungs and eight runs

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 597 for 8 dec (S P James 153, H Mores 135, M P Maynard 134 not out, A Dale 73) DURHAM: First Innings 345 (M. J. Foster 129, D.C. Boon 66, S. L. Walkin 4 (or 73) Second Innangs J J B Lewis low b Walkin P D Collingwood low b Wagar J E Moms c Cotley b Wagar N J Speak b Thomas D C Boon low b Wagar I Boling c Cottey b Croft IM P Speight b Wagar M J Foster c Shaw b Wattin D M Cor c Meynard b Walkin ... S J E Brown c Cottey b Croft ...

FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-13, 3-97, 4-141, 5-152, 6-165, 7-193, 8-193, 9-200.

Watkin 18-7-31-3, Croft 33-10-81-2; Thomas 9-1-28-1; Dale 5-2-10-0, Cosker 8-2-26-0 Umpires A A Jones and B J Meyer Hampshire v Warwickshire SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four) Hampstare (7pls) drew with Warwick-shire (9)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 631 for 7 dec (A J Moles 168, D L Herrip 138, T L Penney 86 not out, N V Knight 81, G Welch 75)

*N v Knight not out
A J Moles c Aymes b Kenway
D L Hemp not out
Edras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb 4) BOWLING Kenway 8-2-53-1, Kondall 5-0-48-0, Aymes 9-0-76-0; Smith 3-0-36-0, Hayden 2-0-36-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Immgs 549 for 6 dec (M.L. Hayden 235 not out. S.D. Udal 117 not out, W.S. Kendall 78, G. Welch 4 for 119) Second invitors

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C A Connor b Welch
J N B Bowli not out
Extras (b 4, ib 6, w 2, nb 14)

201, 5-225, 6-248, 7-254, 8-260, 9-260

J E R Galkan ibw b Parsons 99
"M A Atherton c Maddy b Pierson ... 108
J P Crawley bw b Parsons ... 61

BOWLING: Welch 15-6-58-2, Alirec 3-0-11-0; Brown 22-3-106-5, Smith 10-3-25-0. Gles 22-7-64-2. Umples J W Holder and A G Leicestershire v Lancashire LEICESTER (final day of four) Leicester-shire (1 lots) draw with Lancashire (10) LANCASHIRE: First Innings 373 (G D Lloyd 82. G Chappie 63, W F. Hegg 58, A D Muttally 5 for 79) Second Innings

tW It. Hegg not out . . . Extras (fb 12, nb 12) Total (5 wkts dec) ALL OF WICKETS: 1-169, 2-279, 3-293, 1-342, 5-381.

8-3-2, 3-301. BOWLING. Milns 8-3-32-0; Multally 8-3-26-0; Parsons 33-4-125-2; Pierson 39.3-3-159-3; Wells 3-0-17-0; Johnson 8-0-25-0, Maddy 5-0-29-0. LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 468 (N C Johnson 150, P A Nixon 96, V J Wells Second trinings

†P A Novon not out . Extras (b 8, lb 7) Total (5 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS 1-44, 2-135, 3-181, 4-202, 5-217, BOWLING Martin 9-3-34-0; Austin 6-2-

15-0; Yates 21-4-92-2; Keedy 26-7-66-3 Chapple 4-0-15-0; Gallan 2-0-10-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer

Middlesex v Northamptonshire LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by an innings and 57 runs MIDDLESEX: First Imnings 531 (J H Kalks 121, M R Ramorakash 111, M W Galting 108. K R Brown 61 not out: J P Taylor 4 for 99) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 216 (K. M. Curran 89 not out, J. P. Hewitt 5

Snape c Brown b Fraser J N Snapo c Brown b Fraser
†D Ripley not out
J P Taylor c Brown b Johnson
D Folleti st Brown b Tufnell
Extras (b 3, lb 11, nb 4)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-82, 3-93, 4-121, 5-130, 6-134, 7-186, 8-224, 9-239

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Second Innings

"M A Wagh b Bates ...
J A G Fution c Lenham b Batt
P G Morgan c and b Batt
J J Bull c Humphnes b Batt
C Patiol c Pyemont b Bates
J M M Avens : Rao b Bates
L G Buchanan c Radford b Batt
A P Sonn c and b Bates
G J Wright not out
Edras (ib 1, w 2, nb 6) BOWUNG Fraser 21-6-35-1, Hewitr 12-3-33-1; Weekes 16-2-37-0, Tutnelf 39 5-16-64-4, Johnson 20-8-55-2, Kalbs 9-3-20-2 Umpires R Julian and J D Bond Worcestershire v Somerset

WORCESTER (final day of lour) Worcestershire (10pts) drew with Somer-WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immings 303 (T.S. Curite 101, G.R. Haynes 70, A.R. Caddick 5 for 64)

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Second Innings
T S Curtis c Turner b Caddick.
W P C Weston c Turner b Caddick.
G A Hick Bow b Caddick.
K R Splring Ibw b Shine
G R Haynes c Bowler b Ahmed
D A Leatherdale c Burns b Ahmed
V S Solanik c Turner b Ahmed
VS S Librotec not out. rtS J Rhodes not out SR Lampit not out Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 8) Total (7 wkts dec)318 FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-40, 3-129, 4-BOWLING, Caddict. 31-6-86-3, Shine 14-4-59-1; Ahmed 42-10-97-3. Rose 17-5-57-0; Bowler 4-3-2-0. Dimond 2-1-4-0 SOMERSET: First brinings 343 (R J Turner 83 not out, PCL Hotloway 61; DA

erdale 5 for 56) Second Innunos M N Lathwell c Rhodes b Haynes ... 27 M Burns b Sheriyar

1R J Turnor Ibw b Lampit

G D Rose c Lampit b Haynes

P D Bowler not out

R J Harden b Leatherdale

P C L Holloway not out Extras (nb 10) ... Total (5 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-82, 3-82, 4-

BOWLING Shortyar 9-0-57-1. Lampitt 13-4-55-1; Haynos 11-2-33-2. Leather-dale 10-1-30-1; Solanka 4-1-10-0 Umpires H D Bird and D J Constant. University match Oxford University v Sussex THE PARKS (final day of three). Sussex beat Oxford University by nine wickels OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 234 for 8 dec (J A G Fution 50) Second Innings R D Hudson c Rao b Thurslield . B W Byrne o Thurslield .

Umpires: N T Plews and N Cowley AON RISK TROPHY (one day) Bradford Park Avoruse: Nortringhamsrike 248-7 (5 E Wiction 100 not out. L N Walker 87), Yorkshire 183 (J E Hindson 5-35) Nottinghamsrine beat Yorkshire by 65 runs Shenley: MCC Young Cincketers 294-8 (P R Shaw 53, R A Hawthorne 68 not out;) Surrey 295-8 (A J Holboake 50 M P Bitchne) 58, J D Ristoffle 53, G J Kenne, 52, R W Nowel 4, 68). Surrey beat MCC Young Cincketers by two webats. North Runston: Nurser Countes 181; Northamptonshire 175 Minor Counties beat Northamptonshire by surings.

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Backers seek silver lining in Fabre's Cloudings

By Our Racing Staff

A GAMBLE on Cloudings, who will attempt to complete a Derby double for André Fahre at Epsom on Saturday, yesterday breathed life into an almost moribund classic betting market.

The colt was cut by bookmakers in the wake of stable companion Peintre Celebre's victory in the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly on Sunday. with the Tote as quoting him as low as 10-1 (from 20-1). Ladbrokes and William Hill offer 12-1, two points less than Coral. If weight of money is a good guide then Entrepreneur has a serious challenger from across the water." Rob Hartnett, the spokesman for the Tote, said.

The case for Cloudings has been strengthened by the decision of Olivier Peslier to partner him at Epsum in preference to the John Gosden-trained Benny The

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ELNADIM (5.15 Pontefract) Next best: Yet Again (4.00 Brighton)

Dip, on whom he won the Dante Stakes at York last

However, if Cloudings has weight of money on his side, he has the weight of recent history against him. Not since Maurice Zilber sent out the Lester Piggott-ridden Empery in 1976 has a French-trained runner won the Derby, and since then cross-Channel raiders have run up a losing sequence of 29.

For all the interest in Cloudings, Entrepreneur remains odds-on with all companies after 16 runners were confirmed at yesterday's declaration stage. Most of the 16 are intended runners although Peter Chapple-Hyam warned that his Single Empire and Romanov are not certain starters.

wait and see how they are. considered to be too firm.

Kieren Fallon's ten-day suspension, incurred in the Italian Derby in Rome last month, was yesterday deferred until June 22. Fallon will be free to ride the odds-on Reams Of Verse in the Vodafone Oaks on Friday and Symonds Inn in the Derby the following day. Fallon is also free for Royal Ascot, where he will partner the L000 Guineas winner, Sleepytime, in the Coronation Stakes

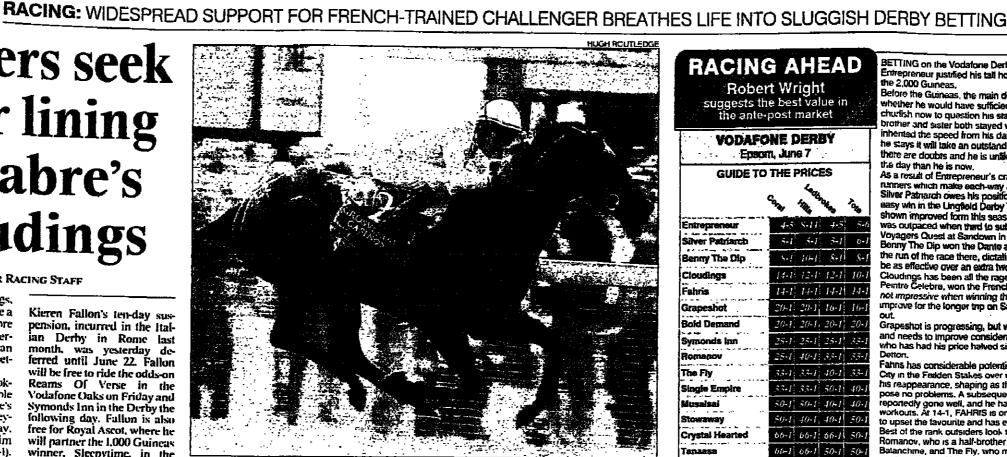
Romanov finished third in the Irish Guineas and could be suited by the step up in trip but I want to see him work

"Single Empire had a hard race in winning the Italian Derby, but he is tough. No jockey arrangements have been made, although John Reid will ride whichever he wants.'

Luca Cumani announced Grapeshot a runner after weekend discussions with the colt's owners. A spokeswoman at Cumani's Bedford Lodge stubles said: "Jason Weaver will ride with the proviso that should John Reid become available he would ride after partnering the horse so well in Goodwood's Predominate Stakes. Mr Cumani is pleased with Grapeshot and the way he worked on Saturday

morning." Barry Hills will make a decision today on riding plans for Musalsal and The Fly, while no replacement has been confirmed for Peslier on Benny The Dip.

Hills has another big-race challenger in the intriguing London News, formerly trained in South Africa and now in Britain with a view to tackling the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascut. Douglas Whyte, the regular rider of London News, has arrived in Britain to work the horse but will have to be content with Hulls's ops after connec tions shelved an intended "I don't know whether both racecourse gallop at Newbury will run." he said. "I want to today because the ground was



Benny The Dip has been deserted by Peslier in favour of the Fabre-trained Cloudings

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

VODAFONE DERBY

Epsom, June 7 **GUIDE TO THE PRICES**

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SETTING on the Vodafone Derby has been quiet since repreneur justified his tall home reputation when winning he 2.000 Guineas, fore the Guineas, the main doubt over Entrepreneur was

whether he would have sufficient speed for a mile, so it seems thurlish now to question his stamina. However, while his prother and sister both stayed well, he has undoubtedly nherited the speed from his dam, who barely stayed a mile. It he stays it will take an outstanding horse to beat him, but there are doubts and he is unakely to start a shorter price on the day than he is now.

As a result of Entrepreneur's cramped odds, there are several namers which make each-way appeal.

Silver Patnarch owes his position as second tavourite to an easy win in the Lingfield Derby Trial. He stays well, but has shown improved form this season with cut in the ground, and was outpaced when third to subsequent French Derby flop Voyagers Quest at Sandown in April.

Benny The Dip won the Dante at York in taking style, but had the tim of the care there distributed and processed in the little to the page and it unlikely to

the run of the race there, dictating the pace, and is unlikely to be as effective over an extra two furiongs.

Cloudings has been all the rage since his stable companion. Pentre Celebra, won the French Derby on Sunday. He was not impressive when winning the Prix Lupin, but is likely to improve for the longer trip on Saturday and cannot be ruled.

Grapeshot is progressing, but won a weak trial at Goodwood

and needs to improve considerably, as does Bold Demand, who has had his price halved since the booking of Frankie

Fahns has considerable potential. He strode clear of Panama City in the Feiden Stakes over nine furiongs at Newmarket on his reappearance, shaping as though a longer trip would pose no problems. A subsequent sinus operation has reportedly gone well, and he has been sparking in recent workouts. At 14-1, FAHRIS is one of the few with the potential to upset the favourite and has excellent each-way claims, Best of the rank outsiders look to be Insh Guineas third Romanov, who is a half-brother to Irish Derby winner Balanchine, and The Fly, who made a deep impression w easily winning a York handicap on his reappearance.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Dooze. 3.15 Alcalali 3.45 LISTED ACCOUNT (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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3.45 (Im Syd) 1. TROJAN HERO (Pat Eddary, 13-2); 2. Rochea (B Doyle, 5-1); 3. Scaraben (J Fortune, 2-1 ji-lan) ALSO RAN: 2-1 ji-lan Golden Thunderbolt, 12 Bluebell Miss, 16 Scottish Hero, The Electror (4th), 33 Harvest Resper, Monegheth (5th), Oh So Misty (6th), 10 ran 1(, 2, 3), 39-1, 21 B Hills al Lamboum Tote £6 00; £220, £1.50, £1.70. DF £32 60, Trio, £40.50, CSF £37.68

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4.15 (1m 31 183yd) 1, KILSHANINY (LDetron, 11-10 fav), 2, Ordained (S Drowne, 9-1); 3, Alon Alwen (R Hughes, 20-1), ALSO RAN 3 Calendula (4th), 6 Noola s Princess (6th), 14 Rahaab (5th), 20 Misellina, 25 Cacibury Castile 8 ran (1, %), 1 VII. 41, 61. L Cumarri at Neumaricat Tote; £1 70; £1.10, £1 60, £2.50 DF £5.30. CSF, £11 15 Tricast: £120.64

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4.45 (Im 1I 21ayd) 1, LUDO (R Perham, 5-1); 2 Soda Pop (B Doyle, 25-1); 3, Bethe in Light (D Harrison, 12-1) ALSO RAN, 7-2 lav Keen Darder, 9-2 Double Gold, 11-2 Double Fine, 18 Grand Houel, 20 Sewitching Lady, Good Judge, 25 Switching Lady, Good Judge, 25 Switching Lady, Gold Cipper (4th), Jib Jab 14 ran, 3, 31, 31, 141, 61, R Hannon at East Everleigh Tota, 56,80; 51,60, 514 70, 52,60 DF; 6131,90, Trio 5379,00 part won Pool of 574 75 camed lorward to 3 00 at Brighton loday). CSF; £126,21 Trices: \$1,332,45.

100251: 1,32.40.
5.15 (fm 31 183yd) 1. KILMA (L Dettor), 7-2); 2. Purist (J Reld, 4-7 lav) 3, Krayali (R Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN. 6 Siver Whiti (5th). 14 Arietty (4th), 50 Sarberon (6th). 6 ran. Hd. 31, 121, 64, dist. L. Curnani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.10. DF £2.20 CSF £5.83.

Jackpot £5,461,50. Placepot: £118.30. . Quadpot. 923.70.



Hamilton Park

Going: good to firm Going: good to firm
2.30 (8f 5yd) 1, HENRY THE HAWK (S Copp. 16-11, 2, Craigie Boy (P Roberts, 16-1), 3, Pallium (K Sked, 20-1), 4, Seconds Away (Jenny Benson, 33-1), ALSO RAN. 11-2 lav Troptcal Beach, 5 Sue Me, Winter Scoul (Shi), 8 Comoche Quest, Impsch, 12 Dat (8th), Termon, 14 Sunday Mail Teo, 16 Regime Cowgii, 20 Suddoro, 25 Another Nightmate, 33 Marrio Steet 16 ran 31 hd, 9, 31, 31 M Dods at Darlington, Tote, £13.30, £2.50, £3.60, £4.00, £4.00, DF £51 60 Trio: £145.40, CSF: £218.61, Tricast £2.573 17.

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3.00 (51 4yd) 1. PIERPOINT (R Winston, 9-1), 2, Melicahu Don (P Fessey, 11-2); 3.
Sun in The Morning (K Darley, 4-5 lav)
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Soverith Heaven (6th), 12 Glass River (4th), 20 Michelee, 25 Docklands Dispetch (5th) 7 ran NR. Fairy Domino. 11, nk, 2k, 2h, dk. R Fahey at Malson, 7oter £15 10, £3 50, £2.30, DF £32 10 CSF £55 02

3.30 (1m 11 36yd) 1, PEKAY (J Woaver, 9-4 lav), 2, Principal Boy (Dale Gibson, 11-4), 3, Western Venture (J Brasmhill, 16-1) ALSO RAN 3 Notoby Barnes (4th), 8 Energy Man, 16 Comic's Future, 25 Sweel Note (5th), 8 ran, 2, 41, 3, 9, 2's1 M Johnston at Middleham, Tote, £250, £140, £150, £370, DF £4.70, CSF £7.48, Thoast £66.69.

4.00 (6f Syd) 1, JACMAR (N Kennedy, 14-1), 2. Demolition Jo (J F Egan, 11-4 lav), 3. Just Another Time (T E Durcan, 14-1) ALSO FAN, 7-2 Five OI Spadies, 4 John Bowder Music, 9-2 Miss Dangerous, 10 Swoosh, 16 Scane (6th), 20 Marsha Machine (5th), 33 Scotch Time (4th), Snappy Times, 11 ran Hd, 5l, 4l, 1/4l, nk Miss L Pernatt at Ayr Tote, 517.70; 64 70, 61 10, 08 40, DF 522 40 Tric 5220.50, CSF 550.39

4.30 (1m 4t 17yd) 1. OUEZON CITY (J Weaver, 13-8), 2. Jean Pierre (M Wigham, 5-1); 3. Campaspe (R Wincton, 10-11 lav), 3 tan 4t, 27 M Camacho Toler 92-50, DF 63.80, CSF; 95.76

5.00 (Im 5/8yd) 1, LORD ADVOCATE (K Sked, 7-4); 2, Nomax Lad (J Weaver, 11-8 fev); 3, Cois Na Farraige (T & Durcan, 9-1). ALSO RAN 4 Cerci Again (4th) 4 ran Nk, vl. 5/1 D Nolan al Wishaw, Tote 92 30, DF, 91 70 CSF 94 14 Piacepot: £1,287.90. Quadpot: £27.90. ☐ Schweppes announced yes-

terday that it would end racing sponsorship after the eleventh running of the Golden Mile at Goodwood on July 31. Explaining the move, Vernon East, the director of public relations for Schweppes Eur-ope, said: "We make a range of drinks which covers the 16-24 age group and felt that for us as it used to be."

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.30 Third Party. 3.00 Bon Guest, 3.30 Barbason. 4.00 Yet Again, 4.30 Araboybill. 5.00 Tithcar. 5.30 Stock Hill Dancer. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 GOODBYE GATEMEN.

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.30 MOULSECOMBE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: \$2.882: 5! 213yd) (6 runners)
101 (6) 4950 DISTINCTIVE DREAM 25 K HONG 9-0. Martin Dwyer (3) 71
102 (1) 0-22 GODOBYE GATEMEN 6 B Pearce 9-0. Sanders 59
103 (3) HOT NEWS J Jonkins 9-0. G Bardwell —
104 (4) 4540 REPROLES REX 15 (4) W Mar 9-0 J Reid 82
105 (2) 0 LAS VISTAS 10 H Collegation 8-9 M Rimmer 81
106 (5) 3-60 THIRD PARTY 25 S Dow 8-9. T Oution 82
4-6 Goodbye Gatomen, 7-2 Third Party, 7-1 Monger: Rex, 10-1 Hot Mercs, 16-1 Las Vistaz, 25-1 Distinctive Dittain.

3.00 PEACEHAVEN APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,305: 6t 209yd) (14)

(£2_305; 6i 209yd) (14)
201 (9) 6045 FORT KNOX 5 (B.CD.F.G.) R Flower 6-10-0 ... T Flatd
202 (12) 5400 RAWI 6 (D.G.) Maz 6 Kalloway 4-10-0 ... P Fizzimona
203 (17) 6324 MR CURE 5 (B.D.BF.F.G.) J Bradley 7-9-7 ... R Winston
204 (18) -005 DARK MENACE 6 (B.C.F.) E Wheeler 5-9-6 S Carson (5)
205 (3) 0065 TIME FOR TEA 11 C Dors 4-9-6 ... R Sowyer (6)
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206 (14) 0510 BON GLEST 5 (G.) T Maughten 3-9-3 Ractard Mondy (3)
207 (13) 0-40 VELVET JONES 29 G Charles-Jones 4-9-3 ... C Cox (8)
208 (7) 6260 HATTA SUNGHENE 5 (V.G.) G L Mondy 7-9-1
Charl Bone (6)
209 (1) -360 SMARP HOLLY 33 (V.) J Benach 5-9-11 ... R Studentime
89
210 (4) 4500 HAWARI STORM 25 (B.D.G.S.) D French Davis 9-8-6
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211 (B) 8-40 LA CHATELANE 29 G Lenis 3-8-5 ... P Fredericks 94
212 (5) -062 CHALKY DANCER 11 H Collegators 5-8-5 ... P Bradley 80
213 (6) -000 MSTER SEAN 35 (8) J Bradley 4-8-1 ... T States 214 (2) -000 GKAY BABY 6 (7) J Bradley 5-7-12 ... J Fowler 93 3-1 Mr Cube, 5-1 Chally Descer, 8-1 For Knor, Vehet Junes, 10-1 Rani, Dark Messacc, Time For Fee, Bon Guest, La Chaletaine, 12-1 uthers

3.30 BRIGHTON MILE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: £3,677. 71 214yd) (9)

309 (3) 1300 CATS BOTTOM 22 (0.F.G) A Newcombe 5-8-11 S Drowne 97 94 Barbason, 5-1 Florm De Cool, 6-1 Pathly's Rica, 7-1 Sooly Tent. Sis Garden 10-1 Kenducky Fall. Silver Secret, Confronter, 16-1 Cals Bottom.

4.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP

(22, 630: 1711 ST 190YU) (8)
401 (3) 2352 PRINCE DANZIG 28 (CD.F.G) D Murzay Smith 6-10-0
R Flench (5): 93
402 (6): 00-0 MR BROWNNIG 18 (B.D.F) R Abehus 6-9-12 T Coden
403 (1): 4650 URGENT REPLY 10 C Daver 4-9-11 — D Harrason (3)
404 (8): 03000 ALMUNTARAM 11 (B.F.G) G Leuis 5-9-11 A Whelan (3): 98
405 (5): 00002 UREFRUNKE BOY 10 (C.G) 5: 00-4-9-9 — R Perhams 97
406 (2): 4-00 PRINCESS TOPAZ 35 (BF) C C₁cox 3-9-6 ... A Clark 91
407 (7): 1161 VET AGAMN SS (DD.F.G) Mics (Adisson 5-8-10 S Sanders 94
408 (4): 4050 CDLORR COUNSELLOR 28 (B.CDLF,G) Repeat 4-5 ...

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5-2 Yel Again 11-4 Prince Danzig, 6-1 Oberons Box, 7-1 Mr Browning, Process Topaz, 8-1 Almahistram, 10-1 Colona Councellor, 12-1 Urgent Reply

4.30 HOVE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (£2,277: 1m 1f 209yd) (10)

(£2,277: TIM 11 2099(0) (10)
501: (6) - 0.00 HARPEY PMHTE 7 (D.F.6) J. Pearco 5-9-7. C Teague (3) 91
502: (1) 3830 ROMAN REEL 10 (£0,F,6) S. I. Moore 6-9-3. S. Whitmorth 93
503: (3) 506-2. SHARMAN 17 (CD,F,G.S) W. Main 12-9-3. J. Fledd 91
504: (9) 3050 HAZPE, 45 (8) Mac. S. Fickhware 5-9-2. R. Mullen (5) 89
505: (3) 5-60 SLIVER HARROW 87 (F) A. Harrochibe 4-9-1. D. Grittlers (3) 90
506: (3) 50-0 ARABETHAM 97 (F) A. Harrochibe 4-9-1. D. Grittlers (3) 90
507: (4) 500 MATHE-RIMMESS 14 (8 18-8-7. T. COMP. 95
508: (2) -0.05 MATHE-RIMMESS 14 (8 18-3-8-7. T. COMP. 95
509: (10) 36-44 15:0 BEFOREM 26 (4) 1. Mantappe Hall 3-8-6. A Clash. 35
510: (4) 4500 MASS BARCELONA 7 M Poligica 3-6-3. ... S. Sanders
1. Shaharot 4-1 Harrow White 11-2 Hazel 2-71 Leo Redomm. 10-1 Roman Red. 3-) Shabanaz, 4-1 Harvey White, 11-2 Hazel, 7-1 Leg Belonum, 10-1 Romain Reel, Silver Harrow, Marchitzan, Naise Princess, Miss Barcalona, 14-1 Araboybill,

5.00 BEVENDEAN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,423: 6f 209yd) (5)

601 (5) 0 MTE WORDER 10 6 L Moore 3-6-11 . Candy Morris 502 (1) 0-00 SHURMATARA 16 (4) M Stade 3-8-11 . J Rebt 503 (2) CARCHARRE GLORY 6 Margaren 3-8-5 J Gotobed (7) 504 (4) 620 L LITERARY 127 (8) J Garden 3-8-6 . G Hind 95 505 (3) 0 TITHCAR 228 B Henbury 3-8-6 . S Sanders — 5-6 Literary, 13-8 Shoumatara 8-1 Tithcar, 20-1 Catacharge Story, 25-1 like Wonder

5.30 KEMP TOWN HANDICAP (3-Y-0. £2,836: 5t 59yd) (9)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gesten, 5 womers from 16 maners, 31 3%; K Nors, 5 from 17, 29.4%; R Abeliursi, 20 from 88, 22.7%; B Henbury, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Stoule, 4 from 20, 20 0%; Mrs. G Kotleway, 10 from 51, 19.5%; JOCKEY, T Outen, 49 witness from 207 rides, 23.7%; M J Duryes, 6 from 97, 22.2%; R Hughes, 12 from 65, 18.5%; S Sanders, 16 from 92, 17.4%; D Hamison, 11 from 76, 14.5%; J Reid, 17 from 119, 14.3%

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

I remarked recently that, usually, it is wrong to lead from a doubleton against the sequence I NT — 3 NT. However, the lead from that holding is often right if the declarer is short in the suit. This is an example from the final of the 1996 Gold Cup.

North-South game

VA2 +AQ98542 **+83 ◆KJ86** 1095 **♥** 10 5 **♥Q876** ♦KJ7 **+63 ♣**J10642 ÷Q95 +AQ42 **∀KJ943** ♦AK7 1 H 2 S 3 NT Pass Pass All Pass

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South North's Three Diamonds was over dummy's suit. That is forcing. In traditional Acol, it what Andrew Dyson, the cap-tain of the winning team, led.

nowadays tournament players have the sensible understanding that a reverse after a response at the two level is forcing to game.

Now, what hand type has South shown? Most of the time, he will be 4-5-1-3 (re-

was played as non-forcing, but

Dealer South

member, spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs in that order). With 4-5-2-2, he might well rebid 2 NT over Two Diamonds; with 4-5-0-4, he would bid as above, but that shape is only about one tenth as likely as 4-5-1-3.

So, this is an auction in which there is at least a case

for leading from a doubleton - East is likely to have some reasonable diamonds sitting

WORD-WATCHING

GALIONGEE a. A bowsprit

b. A racehorse c. A Turkish sailor

FATIDIC

a. Prophetic b. Adipose tissue c. Swamp-like

With diamonds good for only one trick, declarer eventually went one off. Admittedly, on this occasion, a club (the unbid suit) would also have beaten the contract, but Q95 is not

an attractive holding - it

could easily be the wrong lead

if dummy had turned up with some length in the suit. At the other table, Lodge and Crouch bid to Three No-Trumps without South showing his spades. So, West, reasonably enough, led a spade and now the declarer was home.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

FUEL CELL a. Electricity generator b. A monastery bunker

c. Component of muscle RAFFINATE a. Uncontrolled b. Oil in process

c. Binding flax Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

20 Rxe4

22 Rxe7

23 Nxd5

26 c4

27 Nd1

28 d5

3 NI3

4 Nc3

5 e3

6 Ed3

7 Bxc4 8 Bd3

9 0-0

10 Ne4

12 Qc2

White resigns

White: Jeroen Piket

Madrid, May 1997

Black: Miguel Illescas

Semi-Slav Defence

NI6

Nbd7

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short setback

Nigel Short suffered a setback in the penultimate round of the Madrid elite tournament, when his King's Gambit finally suffered shipwreck against Alexei Shirov. Short's 12th move, 12 a3, was very slow and permitted Black a significant counter-attack in the centre.

White: Nigel Short Black: Alexei Shirov Madrid, May 1997 King's Gambit

3 Nf3 4 h4 6 Nxg4 7 Nt2 10 Nc3 11 Bt3 12 a3 13 Nd5 16 Re1 17 Bd4 19 Nve4

Diagram of final position

25 Oxa7 Black resigns Leading scores at Madrid were as follows: Topalov and Shirov 6½/9; Beliavsky and

15 Nb3 16 Rd1 Qc7 17 g3 18 Be3 19 Qud3 Rd8 Qb8 20 Rac1 21 Qb5+ 22 Bc5 Bxc5 23 Oxc5+ Rd6 24 Rxd6 Qxd6

Akopian 52; Polgar and Short ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

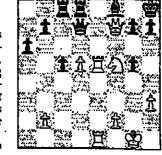
section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Orgovan -Gyimesi, Hungary, 1997. White's powerful play along the e-file cuts the black position in two and makes it difficult for him to defend his king. Can you see how White

now broke through? Solution on page 46



New order reigns between the showers

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

PARIS lost the sunshine yesterday, but Roland Garros was illuminated by new and beguiling talents from all corners of the world. Between the showers, four young players who had never before reached the quarter-finals of a grandslam tournament, stroked their way into the last eight at the French Open.

First, there came Gustavo Kuerten, the boy from Brazil, who finished off his overnight match against Andrei Medvedev, of Ukraine, winning 7-5 in the final set.

I dreamt five times that I'd lose the match," Kuerten, 20, said. "I was a little bit tired to sleep, but I think I woke up well today. I could run, I was feeling 100 per cent, and 1 didn't have too much fear. because I could lose the march. but the guy couldn't hit me." Indeed, Medvedev could

not hit back a sufficient number of the powerful services, the excellent winning forehands that carried this Brazilian through to a quarter-final in which he meets the defending champion. Yevgeni Kafelnikov, this afternoon.

A new talent, and there is more. In the contest between

Australians, Patrick Rafter, representing the new breed. eliminated Mark Mark Woodforde 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 after more rain had interrupted. Rafter, 23, is only the third Australian to reach this stage of the French Open since 1970.

Another coming man, another continent. Galo Blanco. a Spaniard who had won only one of his past seven games before arriving in Paris, swept away Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-1, 2-5, 6-4. Of the 18 Spaniards who have been dominating the clay-court season. Blanco was the least respected, the last expected to blossom here. But he joined his countryman, the resurgent Sergi Bruguera. twice a winner of the French Open, in this round.

Bruguera, on centre court, needed six minutes short of three hours to win an obdurate, sometimes fractious match with Michael Chang. the last American male still standing in the competition. It took four sets of long and exhausting and metronomic rallies, but finally and deservedly Bruguera's control. his imperviousness to the dubious questioning of line calls



Bruguera enjoys that winning feeling after defeating Chang in four sets yesterday

freshed by the rain.

around a tennis court.

He played with a smile

lurking on his face, a smile

that a lost point or a moment

of adversity did not erase. He

could twirl his racket around

his fingers like a cowboy

spinning his pistol. And he

seemed to have Rios, himself a

player whose craft had tied

opponents in knots, at his

not from one Chang but from two (Michael's brother, Carl, joining in from the sidelines). deserved to win the day. Bruguera and Kafelnikov

are now the two senior citizens of this men's tournament, senior in terms of court-craft and experience. Indeed, they are the only two seeds left in the quarter-finals, something that has never happened before in grand-slam history.

On the Suzanne Lenglen court, however, the highlight of what had become a most remarkable day was taking place, a match that really did open up new visions of a game that truly unites all races, colours and creeds. Hicham Arazi, born in Casablanca but raised from an early age in Magny. France, spun and wove spells around Marcelo Rios, the Chilean.

The first Moroccan to blossom in such a tournament to True, Rios had prefaced this such an extent, Arazi had Rios match in the strangest way. absolutely mesmerised as he After the warm-up, and before

won the first two sets, 6-2, 6-1. the first service, he called for Rios thrilled the crowd by the trainer and had his right bolstering his game to claim the third set 7-5, and showed ankle resprayed and rebandaged. Curious, very, the same kind of resilience very curious. Arazi, however, until he was defeated on the barely raised an eyebrow.

His use of the wrist remindtie-break in the fourth set, when Arazi had been reed the French crowd of Henri Leconte and, for those of an Arazi is an entertainer, not a older vintage, there was something of Rod Laver. He also man who belts the ball, who punishes it like the competiseemed to combine the swift tive Australians or the reliable movement and reflexes of the badminton players from the Spaniards, but a wristy master of the art and the angles sub-continent.

There was thought behind the way in which he seldom offered Rios two balls of the same weight or power or speed. There was anticipation which seemed to read the Latin mind that had been so closed to previous foes. And that anticipation put the Moroccan into place, whether on the baseline or at the net, almost before Rios could attempt his own sorcery. So much from so many

different parts of the globe.

RESULTS FROM

PARIS

G Kuerten (Br) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5

S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Chang (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 G Blanco (Spj bl P Korda (Cz) 1-6, 6-1, 7-5,

F7, 6-1, 6-2 I Arazi (Mor) bt M Plios (Chile) 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, ; a

Material Found (Russ) and D Vacek (C2) bt W Black (2m) and J Grabb (US) 6-4, 7-6 K Brassch and J Krappschild (Gar) bt L Jenean and M Jensen (US) 6-4, 7-6 T Carbonell and F Rog (Sp) bt S Groen and J Stemenris (Holi) 3-6, 6-3, 8-2 J Blingh and P Haartus (Holi) bt C Brandi and F Messon (I) 6-3, 6-3 J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) bt M Philippoussts and P Ratter (Aus) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3

M Sales (US) bi M Pierce (Fr) 6-4, 7-5 M J Formandez (US) bi L Raymond (US) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2

A Fusal and N Taussal (Fr) bi A Koumikova and E Uthovisova (Russ) 6-3, 6-4 L Netsard (Lui) and H Sulvova (S2) bi N Apmuta and N Miyagi (Japan) 6-1, 6-2 Y Basuki (Indo) and C Vis (Holi) bi M Paz (Arg) and R Sympson (Can) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

6-3 M Hmps (Switz) and A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) bt S Farine and G Pizzichmi (Ni 6-4, 6-1 N Arendt (US) and M Bollegral (Holl) bt R Dragomir (Romy end I Majoři (Cro) 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 C Mannez (Sp) and P Tarabim (Arg) bt L Davenport (US) and J Novotna (Cz) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

P Terabini and J Frana (Arg) bt i Spirica (Rem) and D Johnson (US) 7-5, 6-3 I Eagle and A Rorent (Arz) bt M Philippoussis and P Ralter (Aus) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3

H Sukova and C Suk (Cz) bt R Grande (II) and L Pimek (Bol) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

RUGBY UNION

Cuyo v England XV (at Mendoza, 7.0)

CRICKET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four) Kidderminster. Worcestershire v

Somersel.

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Eyes
Meadow, Duffield: Notlinghamshire v
Detoychire Cholmstord: Essex v Kont
Egerton Park, Melton Mowbray: Lecoster-

OTHER SPORT GOLF: Amaleur Championship (at Royur St George's and Royal Cinque Ports) MOTORCYCLING: TI races (Isle of Man).

SPEEDWAY: Bite Lauguer Bracherd v Ipsench (7 30) Amateur Leaguer St Austoli v Exerc and Newport (7 30) TENNES: Surrey International champion-strips (al Surbken)

rance v Brazit (at Lyons, 7.45)

Men

Singles

Fourth round

Third round

Women

Fourth round

Third round

Mixed doubles Third round

Tournoi de France

Singles

TELEVISION CHOICE

A killer that can be stopped

Home Ground: Every Parent's Nightmare BBC2, 7.30pm

The latest documentary from the BBC regions to be given national exposure is a report from Wales about meningitis. The points it makes may be familiar to those who have followed the story over recent years, but, for anybody at all worried about the disease, they cannot be made too often. Meningitis is the biggest killer of children in Great Perisin it is on the ingresse and it extiles so quickly Britain, it is on the increase and it strikes so quickly that its victims can be dead in a few hours. For all that, it is still comparatively rare and therein lies much of the problem. The film is full of stories of GPs who failed because of the problem. GPs who failed to recognise the symptoms, in some cases because they had not come across meningitis cases before. The film is essentially a plea for greater education, among doctors and public alike. If the disease is identified early enough, there is a chance that drugs can stop it.

The Death of Childhood Channel 4. 9.00pm

The second film in the series about child abuse cases looks afresh at allegations of ritual or satunic abuse in Nottingham, Rochdale and Orkney. The pattern was remarkably similar. Children taken into care started to tell police and social workers into care started to tell police and social workers horrific stories of rape and assault linked to strange practices. The youngsters talked of drinking blood and even of babies being ritually sacrificed. The popular press had a ball ("Kids forced into Satan orgies") only to change tack when official inquiries found no evidence and blamed social workers for being hysterical. Then the headlines were about innocent families being torn apart. The programme does not come down on one side or another, but it does suggest that the "satanic panic" made it made more difficult to uncover real child sex abusers.

QED: Move Over Babel BBC1. times vary

Taking its cue from Babe. QED tries to discover whether pigs are as clever as that film made out. Professor Stanley Curtis, from Pennsylvania, is convinced of it. He even looks forward to the time when he will be able to engage pigs in conversation. Meanwhile, he is carrying out a



Eye tests for pigs (BBCl, times vary)

more limited experiment, to see whether two of the animals, called Hamlet and Omelette, can handle video games. With a snout-operated joystick in video games. With a shout-operated joystok in place of a key pad, it seems that they can. We also hear from Katy Cropper, the only woman to win the One Man and His Dog contest. If she has her way, the show could be renamed One Woman and Her Pig, for she is teaching Streaky how to round up her sheep. Dick King-Smith, who created Babe, sees a problem. If pigs are as intelligent as all this suggests, will we be able to go on eating them?

Trauma: Life and Death in the ER Channel 4, 11.00pm

Channel 4, 11.00pm

Not for nothing is the emergency room of Denver General Hospital known as the knife and gun club. If the patients are not admitted with stab wounds. It is likely that they have been riddled with bullets. The warning to viewers about the "graphic nature" of the film is not misplaced. Much blood is spill and is shown to be spilling. The caseload may be distressing (a man bleeding to death from a stab wound, a woman prisoner who has tried to kill herself), but the Denver medics are more than equal to it. Dr Debra Hutchins, who brings to the job fierce energy as well as tender concern, confesses that emergency medicine is addictive. The use of some snappy editing and flamboyant. The use of some snappy editing and flamboyant careerawork enhance the drama, though it would probably be just as compelling without such busy intervention

Thirty Minute Theatre: Enoch Sounes

This is a dramatisation of Max Beerbohm's short

or talent who sells his soul to Satan. The deal allows Enoch Soames to travel into the future to see

what people have made of him and his poetry 100

years hence. Those who sometimes complain about BBC scheduling will still their voices today,

for Beerbohm placed Soames's future appearance in the Reading Room of the British Museum at 2.20pm on June 3, 1997 — this very day. Some Beerbohm enthusiasts plan to gather in the Reading Room at the appointed hour to witness the

"appearance" of Soames and tonight they will be talking about the day in The Ghost in the Reading Room on Radio 3 at 8.15pm. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Hong Kong Imperial Orphan 8.15 Off the Sheft 8.30 Pop Science9.00 News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Keep To The Path Through Europe 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 Business 10.15 Sound Business. Marketing 10.30 Literature File 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Hong Kong: Imperial Orphan 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 2.30 Multi-track 4.05 Sport 4.15 Keep To The Path Through Europe 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 8.45 Sport 7.20 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Though 8.01

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Radio 4, 2.00pm

RADIO CHOICE

A Century of Agony Radio 2, 9.30pm

The problem page is 100 years old and this programme celebrates that anniversary. The question that naturally arises is what people did about their problems in the preceding centuries: wrote to Nostradamus? Button-holed Charles

Dickens? A Century of Agony is presented by Deidre Sanders, agony aunt on The Sun, and the programme shows that, although things have changed, they have also stayed the same. Agony pages are now much more frank and tend to have a less moralistic approach to sexual matters and there is much less concern about social etiquette, but there remain some constant concerns, typically about mothers in law, something that is still a thorn in the flesh of women more than men.

RADIO 1

7.00em Mark Radcitte 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 8.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update with Rachel Reynard 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00em Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6,00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewari 5.05 Chris Serie 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Surf's Up! 9.30 A Century of Agony See Choice 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Adnan Finighan 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morring Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five de 7.00 News Edra 7.35 Anv Sportm Cuestions? With Pat Murphy and Gavin Hastings 9,00 Muray Walker's Grand Priv World 9.30 The 21st Century and How to Survive II with Dommit: Diamond and Fi Glover 10 00 News Tall 11.00 News Estra 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanna 2.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mike Dickm

CLASSIC FM

4,00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hall of Fame Hou 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsright 7.30 Sonata, Clementi (Plano Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 5) 8.00 Evening Concert The final of the Royal Overseas League Music Competition from London 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clari. 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Mendelssohn (String Quartet No 6 in F minor, Op 80); Kabalavsky (Overture: Colas Breugnon); Franz Doppler (Duettino Hongrois); Rameau (Suite: Dardarius); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 12 in C sharp minor); Fauré (Dolly Suite) 9.00am Morning Cotlection, with Peter Hobday Includes Weber (Overture: Euryanthe); Glacunov (Novelettes, Op 15, Nos 1-3). Mozart (Prano Sonata in C, K309), Honegger (Cello Concerto) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Includes Elgar, orch Jacob (Soliloquy); Nielsen (Overture An Imaginary Journey to the Faroes); Vaughan Wilkiams (The House of Life); Cimarosa, arr A Benjamin (Oboe Concerto in C minor); Stainer (Lead Kindly Light); Leclair (Trio Sonata in A, Op 14); Chausson (Symphory in B flat) 12.00 Composer of the Weelc Divorals Abroad 1.00pm City of London Sinfonta, under Mark Forgken, Penny Gore introduces the first of six French music concerts given in the Church of St Giles, Cripplegate in the Barbican, London. Includes Dusapin (Hop); Caplet (Conte Fantastique, The Masque of the Red Death); Boulez (Derive I); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro) 2.15 Volces, Iam Burnside experiences the sights and sounds of Italy through this week's selection of songs (f)

5.15 In Tune, with Mairi Nicholson. Includes Verdi (Overture: Nabucco). C P.E. Bach (Sinkonia in G. Wq180); Mozart (Adaguo and Rondo in C. K617); Monteverdi (Tirsi e Clori); Butterworth (A

Monteverd (1187 et clori); Bullerworth (A Stropshire Lad)

7.25 Pebble Mill. The first of seven celebrity piano recitals leatures Lazar Berman. Includes Liszt (Funerailles, Harmonies Poetiques et Religieuses; Sposalizio; il Penseroso; Sonetto 104 del Petraca, Annés de Peterinage), Schubert, transc; Liszt (Entropia: Certabas en Seineseta As Mail)

Annés de Palerinage), Schubert, transcr Lezt (Erkonig: Gretchen am Spinnrade; Ave Maria) 8.15 The Ghost in the Reading Room. See Choice 8.35 Concert, part two, Mussorgsky (Pictures from an Exhibition)
9.20 A Wet Handle. The second in a senes of five selections of songs, stones and poems from from Cutter With Craig Murray-Orr and Alison O'Kill 9.35 London Stintonletta, under George Benjamin. With Yvonne Loriod, piano, Includes Varèse (Integrales), Gerard Grisey (Le Temps et l'Ecurne, UK premiere); George Benjamin (Three Inventions for Chamber Orchestra, UK premiere); Messieen (Oseaux Ezotiques)

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11.30 Composer of the Week: Komgold (r)

12.30em Jazz Notes, Digby Fairweather presents the second half of a concert given by the band Como No in February at the Adrian Bouft Halt in Rimmothem.

No in resultary at the Night, with Donald Madeod. Includes 1.00 Haydn String Ouartets 1.35 Bruckner (Symphony No 4) 3.00 Schools

1873 version) 4.00 Spirit of the Age. Christopher Page and Claire Preston explore the work of the dramatist Ben Jonson (r) 5.00 Music Machine. The second of this week a programmes exploring music and space

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parlament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Cell Edward Stourton. The number to call with your questions for the guest of the day is 0171-580 4444

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2.45 Uister Orchestra, under Jacek Kaspszyk,
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10.00 News; Hong Kong — The Closing Year.
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Colony approaches the handover to China (3/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
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Hospital, Europe's first lunatic asylum, established
750 years ago
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and
current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Quote. . . Unquote. Nigel Rees chairs the
quotations quiz and on the panel are Jonathan
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2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. A discussion
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3.00 The Afternoon Shift. Daire Brehan introduces the

story of the people of Dubrovnik, who decided to start rebuilding their city while it was still being bombaded

News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Paul Vaughan meets John Fuller who reads from his new novel, A Sun Cian, set in 19th-century Wales 4.00 News 4.05 Kalelo

4.45 Short Story: Bubbles on Dark Water, by Marin O'Connor Read by Ann Marie Horan
5.00 PM, with Charic Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Minor Adjustment. The final part of Andy and Enc Merriman's comedy about the fives of a farmity whose daughter has Down's syndrome. With Peter Davison, Samantha Bond and Claire Russell (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4, Topical issues investigated in dapth by Mark Whittaker

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8.00 Science Now. Peler Evans asks whether space really is the final frontier (r)

8.30 The Network. In the last programme of the series about the information age, Alun Lewis talks to Richard Dawkins and Igor Aleksander about artificial programme and Igor Aleksander about

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10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Hams
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Month in the Country, by
J.L. Carr. Read by Samuel West (7/8) (r)
11.00 Mediumwave. A look at the week's media events
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11.30 A View from Abroad. The first of six views of
Britain by international writers features the Russian
novelist Victor Eroleyev. He asks residents of
Oxford personal questions in order to test the
lamous British resolve (r)

12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Information, by Matin
Arris Read by William Nighy (2/15)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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@11.00 News, Regional News (T) (2550845)

12.00 News, Regional News (T) and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News (I) and weather

1,30 Regional News (T) and weather

1.45 Columbo starring Peter Falk (1)

1.40 The Weather Show (36342680)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (5534319)

3.20 Consuming Passions (T) (3268796)

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5.35 Neighbours Madge plans a romantic night in with Harold (r) (T) (813777)

7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt (T)

7.30 EastEnders Will Martin give in to peer

8.00 Children's Hospital The last in the

8.30 Only Fools and Horses Rodney's new

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather

10.00 GED: Move Over Babe!
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10.30 The X Files: Blood A spate of murders is

11.15 Film 97 with Barry Norman includes

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reviews of Con Air, teaturing Nicoles Cage and John Malkovich; The Fifth

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David Cronenberg's controversial adap-tation of J.G. Ballard's Crash; and Event

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money and weapons to continue their light against the government join forces

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11.50 The Bounty Hunters (1970) With Yul

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1.30am-1.35 Weather (6013013)

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6.30 Regional News Magazine (T) (96)

11,05 Real Rooms (7488338)

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6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) (16)

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6.00em Second Honeymoon (1837) (83222) 8.00 Munchie Strikes Back (1995) (63305864) 9.45 The Oregon Trail

City dreamers may fall down on the farm The world divides into those they live there. Every so often some an acquired taste," he stammers who get excited by the human beings, who feel that sheep prospect of moving to the and rabbits would make warmer country, and those who get excited companions than the buckstabbers by the prospect of moving to the and gossip-mongers in their own country only if the country hapoffice, pack up and head for pens to be called Italy, or maybe somewhere green as well. "Frank-Brazil. The sort of person who ly." says Alan Reynolds, one of the ringles at the thought of living in humans who cut and ran in search Rome or Rio is not usually the of The Good Life (Channel 4), "1 same sort of person who tingles at couldn't stand the thought of the thought of living in rural pushing a pen around for the rest Wales, unless the tingling is the of my life." Alan had one of those result of electric-shock treatment swan-like faces that look all confithey are undergoing to prepare dent and serene on the surface: but them for a new life in which the you quickly got the impression highlight of their day might be. that there was some frenzied

paddling going on underneath. Alan - who decamped to Wales with his wife, Karen, and their two young children - was working in a London engineering company before it dawned on him that his destiny lay in milking goats in the Welsh wilderness and then turning the milk into cheese. He doesn't even like gout's cheese: "It's

diplomatically, like a Western dinner guest in Jedda giving his verdict on the sheep's eyes. You felt a twang of pity when, at his leaving party, he opened the present from his office colleagues to find a chainsaw: the reality of what lay ahead suddenly rushed over him like an incoming tide.

lan had done his sums Athat it was "going to be before moving and decided rough for a couple of years, but we're not looking for huge amounts of money, but a different quality of life". Which was just as well, looking at his early takings. The wearying thing about the countryside is that there is never

time to put your feet up and relax.

Can't be bothered to cook tonight?

Tough, because they just don't

have Indian restaurants willing to

deliver within a 60-mile radius in

Wales, Alan and Karen were

Joe Joseph

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tackling the goats before the removal men had even finished unloading their van. "As it stands at the moment, it's touch and go whether we'll survive. We've got to put a lot more work in, and make more cheese. We're milking tonight and cheesing tomorrow. There's no gentle easing-in period."

If it were you or me on that first night in Wales with a herd of goats

to be milked and cheesed, the hundreds of orphaned gorilla temptation would have been very strong to go to the nearest farm shop, buy someone else's goat's cheese, repackage it in a different wrapper, and resell it, hoping nobody noticed. But the Reynolds have nobody to blame but themselves, because this is what happens when you are weak enough to succumb to the fantasy of a rural idyll. It makes you realise that moving to the country is only for people who are unerly determined, or who have reliable access to

Class A drugs. An even starker warning of what happens when humans rush in where only animals should tread came in the first of a new series of Absolutely Animals (Channel 4). It showed how adult gorillas in Cameroon are hunted and butchered for their meat and to make tourist souvenirs. They fetch £20 each, a month's wage. A by-product of this slaughter is

olunteer carers at the Limbe Primate Sanctuary try to nurse them into adulthood. The odds are daunting, Pani Gleason, who runs the programme, says: "Most of them come in very traumatised, dehydrated and malnourished." Like Alan and Karen Reynolds, many of them have only a 50-50 chance of survival in an unforgiving wilderness.

There seems to be no threat to the survival of the television sitcom. Last night, BBCI brought us The Peter Principle, a new sixparter made by Hat Trick, which usually knows what it's doing. Their smartest move was to persuade Jim Broadbent to make his sitcom debut - as Peter Duffley, an improbably incompetent bank

The recipe, so far, is more tried-

and-rested Delia Smith than River Cafe Cookbook, but they haven't stinted on the ingredients. There's the efficient assistant manager; the dippy secretary: the dim-witted office junior: the no-nonsense area manager; all played in regulation sitcom primary colours. There's a Valentine Day card mix-up and some vintage Terry-and-June-style spluttering when Duffley learns that one of his bank customers is

li's a brave scheduler who launches any new sitcom into the BBC's sea of Sergeant Bilko reruns. But, on the bright side, Bilko shows that you don't need to strain for new tricks to make a sitcom funny. It is too early to judge The Peter Principle, but all the loose plot strings in this first episode were nearly fied up by the end, and Broadbent is one of Britain's most underrated actors; it will be worth watching for him

6.00am-9.20 News (9870203) 9,20 Style Challenge (3945796) 9.45 Kilroy (T) (9499883) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (46241)

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6.00am O.U.: Scenes from Dr Faustus by Christopher Marlowe (3614222) 6.25 6.50 Victorian Ways of Death (7634086) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (1343067) **7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (T) (6251661) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (2443222) **8,20** Juniper Jungle (r) (1867929) **8,35** The Record (2000338)

9.00 Teaching Today (57999) 9.30 Space Ark (4510135) 9.45 Watch (4508390) 10.00 Teletubbies (58203) 10.30 Come Outside (4482609) 10.45 Science Zone (9369845) 11.05 Space Ark (257 (338) 11.15 Go for III (1541883) 11.30 Sportsbank (4116) 12.00 See Hear! (r) (7 and signing) (37135)

12.30pm Working Lunch (64777) **1.00 Teaching Today** (97680) **1.30** Job Bank (15145203) **1.40** Zig Zag (17297116) **2.00** Juniper Jungle (83934390)

2.10 The Flying Vet (r) (3124086) 3.00 News (T) 3.05 Westminster (T) (4133932) 3.55 News (T) (3429661) 4.00 Blockbusters (3446338) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (3449425) 4.55 Esther (5569609) 5.30 Today's the Day (45) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air With his

wedding day fast approaching, Will turns to his Uncle Phil for some much-needed financial help (r) (836154) 6.25 Heartbreak High Charlike sees red when Katrina lets Drazic spend time at the warehouse (T) (840628)

7.10 The O Zone (223086) 7.30 Purpose Home Ground: Every Parent's Nightmare Phil Parry reports on the rise of meningitis, a disease which all parents fear but many know little about (r) (T) (22)

8.00 Two Fat Ladies The women cater for an exclusive dinner party at the Duke of Hamilton's magnificent stately home of Lennoxlove Castle, Scotland (r) (T) (5864)



Jilly and Oz taste wine (8.30pm)

8.30 Food and Drink Choice Cuts The series ends with a chance to see some of the best moments (T) (4999) 9.00 Murder One: Chapter Nine A record company executive joins the long list of suspects in the Costello case (T) (7680)

10.28 Video Nation Shorts (954845) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (184357)

11.15 Ruby Late-night chat (419715) 11.55 Weather (949796) 12.00 The Midnight Hour Political discussion with Lesley Ricdoch and guests (69704)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: A Matter of Resource (62549) 1.30 Foretelling Fatigue Lile (66278) 2.00 Teaching Today (16487) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT (74605) 4.30 Film Education (31094) 5.00 Inside Europe (17926) 5.30 Film Education (60433)

6.00am GMTV (9805999) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3953715)

9.55 Regional News (T) (4647048) 10.00 The Time, the Place (85357) 10.30 This Morning (65091628) 12.20pm Regional News (1016154)

12.30 News (T) and weather (4019715) 12.55 Shortland Street (4094406) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (90297777) 1.50 Alternoon Live (31651932) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (26151864) **2.50** Afternoon Live

3.20 News (T) (3262512)

3.25 Regional News (3261683) 3.30 Potamus Park (r) (3072970) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (8928951) 3.50 Old Bear Stories (8924135) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (9419501) 4.10 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (4834195) 4.20 Waynehead (T) (5889338) 4.40 Island (T) (6604680) 5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China

5.40 News (T) and weather (576393) 6.00 Home and Away Selina is surprised to discover the extent of Lachie's leelings for Shannon, While Liam, Casey and Joey finally bury the hatchet (r) (T) (12)

6.30 HTV West Tonight (64) 7.00 Emmerdale The villagers gather to pay their last respects to Frank Tate and Zoe confronts kim over role in Frank's death 7.30 Take 3 (48)

Carver to collar a vicious robber preying on elderly victims (T) (2390) 8.30 The Cook Report Investigator Roge Cook uncovers malpractice (T) (1425)

8.00 The Bill The old-boy network forces

Conway to put pressure on Deakin and



Walker and Green (9.00cm)

9.00 Touching Evil In the last of the series, Creegan learns Stoker has ordered his followers to mutilate their victims, echoing a string of earlier murders committed by a prostitute. With Robson Green and Nicola Walker (T) (7319)

10.00 News (T) and weather (25390) 10.30 Regional News (T) (559777)

10.40 The International Match: Tournoi de France - France v Brazil Bob Wilson presents highlights from Lyons of the opening match in the four-nation tournament, and Gary Newbon previews England's match against Italy tomorrow (659086) 11.40 Hunter (585222)

12.40am Dating the Enemy (9408278) 1.45 Late and Loud (146704) 2.45 The Chart Show (6574568) 3.40 Customs Classified (9791100)

4.35 The Time, the Place (81211520) 5.00 Heirloom (55592) 5.30 News (60487) SAIELLEADEABLE COMMAND

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4094406) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6987680)

6.25-7.00 Central News (198777) 7.30-8.00 24 Hours (48) 11.40 Highlander (585222)

12.40am Collins and Maconle's Movie Club (7577636) 1.15 Film: Say Anything (221617) 3.00 in Focus (2570617)

3.45 The Big Match Replayed (8999568)

4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (6468162) 5.00 Aslan Eye (55592) WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1016154)

12.55 Home and Away (5206203) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (23556390) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8987680) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (69222) 7.30-8.00 Spirit of the South: Waterlines 11.40 Highlander (585222)

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As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8987680) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (12) 6.29 Pollen Count (709661) 6.30-7.00 The Antiques Trail (64) 7,30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (48) 10.29 Pollen Count (981999) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (585222) 5.00am Freescreen (55592)

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12.00 House to House (22203) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (59845) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (10798951) 1.15 Pingu (10793406) 1.30 Film: Billy the Kid (45876241) 3.15 Fresh Pop (1482661)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (77) 4.30 Taste of the Times (61) 5.00 5 Pump (1048)

5.30 Countdown (41) 6.00 Newvddion (454609) 6.05 Heno (841086)

9.00 The Good Life (8661) 10.00 Brookside (483970) 10.35 Dark Skies (637864)

9.00 Bewitched (42067) 9.30 Ysgolion (582777)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (70)

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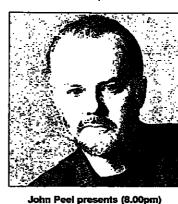
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12.00 House to House (22203) 12.30pm Light Lunch (85999) 1.30 The Dingles Animation (15154951)

1.45 When My Baby Smiles at Me (1948) with Betty Grable and Dan Dailey A period musical directed by Walter Lang 58005951)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (70) 4.00 Filteen-to-One (T) (77) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6379609) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (5554777) 5.30 Animal Passions (T) (41) 6.00 Friends (r) (T) (821222) 6.25 Fluke Game show based on chance

(839241) 6.55 Fresh Pop (778951) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (692338) 7.50 Life Stories (643086)



8.00 Moving People A woman with a musclewasting condition relocates with her family to a purpose-built bungalow; a young woman is torn between moving in with her boyfriend and staying with her mother, and Mick Chess, a recovering drug addict, bids farewell to his rehabilitation centre (5/8) (T) (1112)

8.30 Brookside Can Sinbad and Carmel stand firm against Tinhead? (T) (9067) 9.00 CHOICE The Death of Childhood: In the Name of Satan A history of child abuse (2/3) (T) (8661)

10.00 Hearts and Minds Drama series about the staff of an inner-city school (2/4) (r) (7) (804S)

11.00 CHOICE Trauma Real-life drama in the emergency room of Denver General Hospital (2/13) (492048) 11.35 Film Night (394067) 12.15am The Purple Rose of Cairo (1984, colour and biw) with Mia Farrow and Jeff Daniels An abused wife looks to the

cinema for salvation. Directed by Woody 1.45 Alice (1990) starring Mia Farrow and William Hurt A neglected wife acquires the power of invisibility Directed by Woody Allen (980520)

3.45 An Evil Town A drama about a man with peculiar religious beliefs Starring Keith Philips (r) (58988742) 4.05 L'Enfant de la Ciolat Arnaud Debrée's

award-winning drama. (r) (81033988) 4.25 Lawless Frontier (1935, b/w) A vintage 5.20-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (5438097)

John Wayne western directed by Robert N. Bradbury (7285891)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz: sound:

7.02 and 7.20 MHz 6.00am 5 News Early (5353357)

Affairs (r) (f) (6163613)

7.30 Havakazoo (3745135) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8954135) 8.30 WideWorld (8953406) **9.00 Espresso** (8292262) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (1840203) **10.30** Hot Property (r)

(896/970) 11.00 Leeza (1187338) 11.50 Double Espresso (45494965) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8957222) **12.30pm** Family

1.00 5 News Update (52115241) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (9021777) 2.00 5's Company (6678777) 3.30 The Last Hurrait (1958, b/w) Drama with

Spencer Tracy, Jeffrey Hunler and Pal O'Brien Directed by John Ford (1753393) 5.30 100 Per Cent (7449357)

6.00 Whittle Audience participation qui2 game (T) (7439970) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack returns home and Annie falls out with Mana over a renewed (nendship (T) (7420222)

7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news with Jonothan Coleman, Julia Bradbury and Jason Roberts (6593357) 7.30 Flights of Fancy: Silver Trumpeter Documentary about the trumpeter swa

of North America, the largest in the world



Alana Stewart in Hollywood (8.00pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune: Alana Stewart The former wite of singer Rod Stewart and actor George Hamilton talks about her childhood in Texas as she celebrates her 50th birthday (6579777) 8.30 5 News (T) (6581512)

9.00 Passport to Murder (1992) with Connie Seliecca, Ed Marinaro, Pavet Douglas and Peter Bowles. Intrigue involving a wealthy socialite's trip to Paris and the entourage that follows her. Directed by David Hemmings (T) (28092390) 10.40 Exclusive Extra Late-evening edition of

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show hosted by Gordon Kennedy (1353222) 11.40 The Comedy Store introduced by Arthur Smith (6506154) 12.10am Live and Dangerous introduced by

the showbiz gossip show (8540241)

Helen Chamberlain and Jeremy Nicholas. Includes motorsports action from 2.00 (92927758) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3660384) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7747177)

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SKY 1
6.00am Morring Glory (905999) 9.00 Regis and Krathie Lee (6185) 10,00 Another World (2032) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (40796) 12.00 The Oprah Whitey Show (90116) 1.00pm Geraldo (19244) 2.00 Salfy Jessy Raphael (48224) 3.00 Jenny Jones (3268) 4.00 The Oprah Whitey Show (11135) 5.00 Ster Iriet The Next Generation (8367) 6.00 Real IV (8609) 6.30 Married — with Children (2661) 7.00 The Simpsons (9086) 7.30 MrAn-Shi (8845) 8.00 Speed (5408) 8.30 Real IV UK (7241) 9.00 Caught on Carnera (44951) 10.00 The Pracince (54389) 1.00 Ster Iriet The Next Generation (92661) 12.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (86956) 12.30am LAP 0 (83297) 1.00 Ht Mix Long Play (1719617)

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7.00am Sports Centre (90715) 7.30 Motoroycling (69336) 8.30 Racing News (10065) 8.00 Sports Centre (94067) 8.00 Sports Centre (94067) 8.00 Aerobics (14319) 10.00 Sportsh Football (27883) 12.00 Football Special (20970) 1.00pm Boxing (31574) 3.00 Sportsh Football (73883) 4.38 Sports Centre (7941999) 5.00 Wrestling (3203) 6.00 Sports Centre (893) 6.30 Grand Pitr Saling (3195) 7.00 Live Tourno de France (743086) 10.00 Sports Centre (76332) 10.30 Padilion End (13338) 12.00 Tourno de France (79704) 1.00am Live NiHL (8518926) 4.00-4.30 Sports Centre (56013) SKY SPORTS 3

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7.00am Record Breaker: (4219425) 7.35 Neighbours (7877654) 8.00 Crossroed: (738036) 8.25 EastEnders (2013222) 9.00 The Bif (5345715) 9.30 You're Only Young Twice (5816884) 10.00 Duty Free (2489680) Twice (S818884) 10.00 Dury Fiee (2495680) 10.30 The Suthwars (5341999) 11.00 Casuchty (83733367) 12.06pm Crossroads (8249667) 12.20 Neighbours (5812880) 1.00 EastEnders (3960338) 1.36 Gingo-breed Gart (1272593) 2.10 A Little Bit of Dawson (21884767) 2.20 Neighbours (21894767) 2.20 Dr. Whot (3506747) 7.50 Chry Whon I Laugh (5504222) 8.20 Hi-De-Hit (1433279) 9.00 The Bit (7802357) 8.30 Casuathty (4170593) 10.30 Fills: That's Carry On (62249999) 12.20mm Fills: Trouble in Store (71007568) 1.48 Ken Dodd (7504839) 2.30 Shopping (3979100) GRANADA PLUS

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(389099) 8.30 Goof Troop (36067) 9.00 Core Bears (3626932) 9.25 Under the Umbreto Tree (3645067) 9.50 Muppet Babics (6548319) 10.15 Grounding Maish (1471357) 10.40 Sing Me a Story (8042715) 11,95 Microscopic Milton (9944609) 11,10 Big Garago (8571203) 11.25 Pooh Corner (2377796) 11.55 Fraggle Rock (1915945) 12.20pm Mouse Tracks (32195741 12.45 Timon and Pumbas (98811319) 1.00 Boy Timon and Pumbaa (98811319) 1.00 Boy Meets World (82229629) 1.25 Bonkers (9675683) 1.50 Cunck Puck (9250332) 2.15 Aladdin (69825203) 2.40 Caro Bears (9739048) 3.00 Little Mermaid (2648131) 3.25 Timon and Pumbaa (7548208) 3.40 3.25 Timon and Pumbaa (7548208) 3.40 Gool Troop (2158203) 4.30 Everyday's a Choosoday (3999) 5.00 Aladdan (7516048) 5.25 Timon and Pumbaa (9549777) 5.35 Mighty Ducks (714067) 6.00 New Doug (4864) 6.30 Boy Meets World (5116) 7.00 Brotherly Lore (6852) 7.30 FILIAE Hero in the Femily (54932) 9.00 Deve's World (95135) 9.30-10.00 The Golden Gris (47691)

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Adams adds insult to injury

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire beat the Australians by one wicket

IN ADDITION to their continuing concerns over the form of their captain. Mark Taylor. the Australians lost their last match before the Test series. the cricket that really matters to them, starts on Thursday. In a riveting finish. Derbyshire beat them with their last pair at the crease and with three balls to spare. This in spite of Shane Warne taking seven for 103.

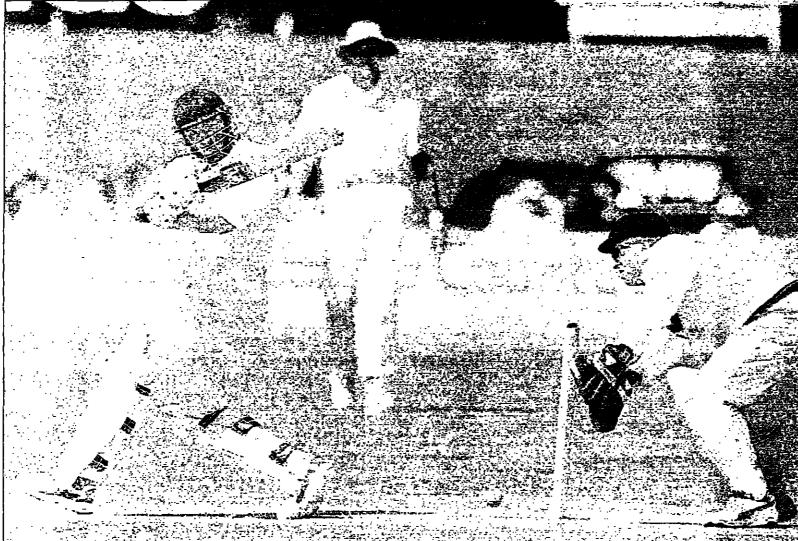
It was the first time Derby shire had beaten an Australian touring team since 1919. when they defeated a services side. Even though they required an important innings from Dean Jones, a compatri-ot of Taylor, to do so, this was a terrific achievement. They were asked to score 371 off what, ultimately, were 60 overs. Chris Adams, who was fined by his county yesterday.

Herculean Hayden Waqar strikes Wells runs deep

and who, his captain feels, hits the ball as hard as any cricketer he has seen, made 91

Derbyshire were fortunate in that both Bichel and Gilles-pie were injured. The latter is expected to be fit for the first Test, Julian, who had to bowl the final over, off which Derhyshire required five, was spent by then. Aldred, who played despite the death of his father last week, had no difficulty in collecting the winning runs in partnership with Dean, who, the previous over, had nonchalantly pulled the first ball he received, from

Warne, to the boundary, Taylor, who added only four runs to his overnight 59. reiterated that he would be playing against England on Thursday. He was less concerned with losing this match than with not having what he described as 11 fully fit players for Edgbaston. As to his own batting, he feels his technique is improving all the while. "Any problem I have missal on Sunday, took out his



Adams pulls forcefully during the innings of 91 that formed the foundation of Derbyshire's victory over the Australians yesterday

now will be more mental than physical." he said. Although he professed he did not like derogatory comments about him from former Australia captains, he still regards them as friends. He is that kind of man, although no doubt his friendships will be formed with greater care in the future.

The target Taylor left Derbyshire was a demanding one. Yet when Rollins was in partnership with Adams, adding 142 off 28 overs, reaching it became feasible. Adams, who is expected to appeal to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the fine levied on him by Derbyshire for his dissent over his disfrustrations on the Australians, to whom, incidentally, he apologised. His pulling and driving on this slow pitch were of a high order, not least when he hit Warne for four, six, four off successive balls.

Warne bowled in his cap for much of the day, not because the great leg spinners of yesteryear did so, but because of a cross-wind so strong that the bails were dispensed with at one end. The surprise was windiest grounds in the world, there was only one heavy set. Eventually, Warne had Adams, whose 91 included 16 fours and a six, held at deep mid-wicket. In his next over. Rollins was leg-before, sweeping, and he deceived Blackwell with flight soon afterwards.

Warne collected his fourth wicket when he had Clarke caught at point, cutting a rare bad ball, a fifth when Krikken mistimed a pull to short mid-

Dumbing Down of

Athletics. Part Two

finished on Sunday than talk

of another one-to-one chall-

enge between Michael John-

son and Donovan Bailey

reared its ugly head-to-head.

The door is open for an

American venue and a re-

match." Ray Flynn, Bailey's

manager, said, though he

may have trouble persuading

Still more difficult will be

convincing the cognoscenti-

that such events are good for

the sport. The matches be-

tween Bailey and Johnson, in

Toronto and Haile Geb-

rselassic and Noureddine

Morceli, in Hengelo, prom-

ised much but delivered rath-

er less. Athletics, the

doomsters say, needs new

ideas because it is turning into

a Cinderella sport, but surely

it can do better than these

In both races, the loser

failed to finish. Neither in

Hengelo, nor in Toronto, did

the public get what it came to

see. Big money, which helped

to hook public attention, is no

guarantee of performance.

The attempt on the first sub

eight-minute two miles ended

in failure as Gebrselassie

finished outside the target

after Morceli, expected to

push him to the finish, fell

The Canadians wanted sat-

isfaction for the suggestion at

the Atlanta Olympics that

Johnson, not Bailey, was the

world's fastest man. If there

was any substance to the

promotional hype that one

race over 150 metres would

settle the issue. Bailey was

denied the evidence when

Johnson pulled up, shortly

after halfway, clutching a

hehind hefore halfway.

his athlete.

Ugly Sisters?

DERBY SCOREBOARD

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Head-to-head races lead

to life in the farce lane

David Powell reflects

on the mismatches that

masqueraded as sport

in Toronto and Hengelo

thigh. Canadian celebrations

Had Johnson finished look

ing as though he had tried.

Bailey's camp might have felt

fully satisfied. However, in-

stead of settling one argu-

ment, it raised another. Did

Johnson feign injury? Bailey

kicked up a storm by alleging

he had, just as he accused

Linford Christie of faking

injury when the Briton saw

his 100 metres world title slip

towards the Canadian in 1995.

Johnson is hurt." Bailey told

Steve Cram. interviewing for

Eurosport. "I think he saw the

gap opening, then he had to

give up. He does not like to get

heat and this was just a cop-

out for him to say: 'I got hurt, let us have a rematch."

Johnson, like Christie be-

"I do not think Michael

rang loud and hollow.

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total Derbyshire had made in 29 matches against senior Australian touring sides.

accepted their fine — thought to be £750 - nor apologised to the club for disputing his dismissal with both umpire Holder and the Australians. He has 14 days in which to appeal to the ECB's disciplinary committee, which has the power to increase his fine.

Derbyshire have to take a decision today whether to include him for their match against Hampshire at Chesterfield tomorrow. Mike Horthe club chairman, stressed that Adams's desire to leave Derbyshire and the £1,000 fine he received from them over his critical comments in the winter — this was suspended by the ECB — were not taken into account. "But we are disappointed Chris has not apologised to us or the supporters," he said, "I will be surprised if the ECB do not react quickly and, of course, his ounishment could be

Hoddle keen to explore all alternatives

By Oliver Holt, football correspondent

Hertfordshire hotel where Glenn Hoddle spoke to the media yesterday. But he re-fused to bask in it. Great though the temptation might have been to glory in the fine 2-0 victory over Poland on. Saturday and to turn down the heat for the Tournoi de France this week, the England coach was insistent that it would be business as usual.

Mindful, perhaps, of the shenanigans that occurred when England returned from matches in Hong Kong and China, the incidents at the China Jump Club and on the Cathay Pacific flight, Hoddle said that the heroes of Katowice would not be allowed to celebrate the victory anywhere outside the confines of the team hotel in France.

He admitted that some of the pressure in the forthcoming games against Italy, in Nantes tomorrow night, and then France and Brazil in the next seven days had been lifted by the victory in Poland that enhanced England's pros-pects of qualifying for the World Cup finals in France next summer

"I would gladly have swapped a win in Poland for three defeats in this tournament," Hoddle said, "but we are greedy, so now we want to win the games over the next week, too." The squad, he said. would be treating the fourgins with Brazil's match against France in Lyons tonight, as a dry run for the World Cup with all the atten-

dant disciplines that means. "We are going there to be professional," Hoddle said. That is what it is about. It is not going to be as relaxed as you seem to think. If we want to win the World Cup, we are going to have to make sacrifices. If anybody thought it was going to be Fred Karno's with everybody out night-

"There is not a bighead in the squad off the pitch. There is not somebody who wants to stand up and be a bit special. If you get somebody who could be a bit of a bad egg, it could cause all sorts of problems, but there is nobody like that at the moment.

This tournament is about being further down the line if and when we qualify for the World Cup. There are going to

THE sun was shining at the be things thrown at us in the World Cup that we are not prepared for yet and the players need to be educated. "You might see a different

shape. The three countries we are playing against will play in different ways. It would be lovely to win all three games get that inner belief back and set the country alight. But there is more to it than that.

Even if a couple of results did not go our way, that would be Ok. But if something we were trying failed then we might have to rethink that and abandon it as something we could take forward." Hoddle said that his ideal

was to go into the World Cup with England playing a sweeper. He said Gareth Southgate, who played so capably against Poland, may be encouraged to fulfil the role in this tournament, but would be unlikely to be entrusted with it on a permanent basis. The job had been earmarked for Jamie Redknapp, until he

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suffered a broken ankle against South Africa. Hoddle admitted, though, that if he experimented with a 4-1-2 formation, he might be

tempted to give David Beckham, the Manchester United midfield player, his long-awaited chance in the centre of midfield. That would probably allow his club-mate. Phil Neville, to occupy one of the full-back slots. That, in fact, is likely to be

the other significant aspect of the tournament, a last chance for some players to stake a claim for a place in the World Cup squad. Lee Clark, who joined Sunderland from Newcastle yesterday, was added to the list of hopefuls yesterday when he was called up to replace Nicky Butt. who withdrew with a hamstring injury. Hoddle pointed to Robert Lee as proof of the strides a player can take if he seizes a chance and given the positive mood the squad is now in, those on the fringes will be desperate to take their opportunity.

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tuting for Bichel. He then had Harris leg-before. Jones, though, who dearly wanted to beat his countrymen, enabled his side to keep up with the

asking rate. His 57 came off 82 balls. This was the highest

Off the field, Derbyshire

expressed their disappointment that Adams had neither

with Bailey's accusations.

When he was asked the ques-

tion, he rebuked a journalist

for daring to suggest it. Unless

Flynn can persuade Bailey

otherwise. Johnson can say

goodbye to challenges be-

If athletics was searching

for new ideas, it had better

keep looking. In the mean-

time, head-to-head billings

are to be encouraged, for the

sake of promoting the sport

and ensuring that the best

athletes do not avoid each

other, provided they come with full fields. In that respect,

Hengelo cannot be criticised

because others were given a

chance against Gebrselassie

and Morceli. What irks,

though, is that a full house

paid, expecting a ding-dong

involved, the scope for let-

down is huge. The sight of an

athlete looking back down the

track, with no competitor in

tow. as Bailey did in the

SkyDome, must not happen

When only two athletes are

tween them.

Lions pull rank on Catt

FROM DAVID HANDS AND MARK SOUSTER

MIKE CATT will arrive in Johannesburg tomorrow to bolster the British Isles squad in South Africa, despite some reluctance by Jack Rowell and the England management to release him from their tour of Argentina before the second international on Saturday.

Catt, the Bath stand-off half. replaces the injured Paul Grayson and will be available for selection against Northern Transvaal on Saturday, "Un-derstandably, England would have liked Catt until Saturday. but that was not an option as far as the Lions were concerned," Fran Cotton, the manager, said in Pretoria yesterday. Cotton's stance was fully supported by the Rugby Football Union.

"We recognise we have taken away the fulcrum of Jack's team and that he had to think through his own options first." Cotton added. Catt flies out from Buenos Aires tonight.

Rowell was clearly unhappy with the decision, but remained diplomatic: "We have got to take it in our stride. The priority is the Lions. England climbed a mountain by beating Argentina: now we are back at base camp. It does leave England in a bit of a pickle.

England - who last night named Jon Callard, the Bath full back, as Catt's replacement — will have to decide on a new stand-off for the international, with the kicking ability of Mark Mapletöft, of Gloucester, likely to earn him selection ahead of Alex King. of Wasps.

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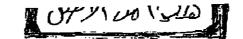
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Bailey was delighted with his hollow victory over Johnson